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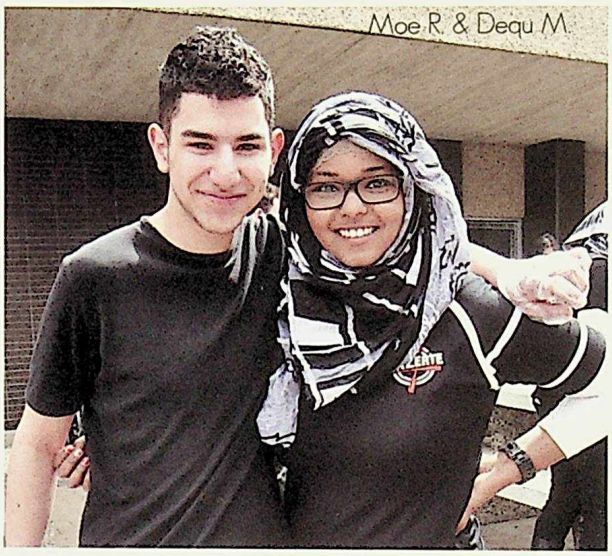
Student Union

In Students Union, we believe that working as a team and being young leaders will truly benefit the entire student body. It is our goal to reach out to as many individuals by providing fun and excitement outside of the classroom. This year I have had the honor of being M.E LaZerte's Students Union president. Over the past year SU has hosted many fun activities for the entire school. Being a Voyageur means more then just pursuing excellence. It is having the courage to take risks and step outside of your comfort zone. M.E LaZerte has provided multiple opportunities for students to explore their diverse interests and strengths. We have celebrated our diversity with Taste of LaZerte, our creativity with Touch of Class, and our kindness from the Inner City Christmas party! These are just a few of the multiple events SU has hosted over

Jenny K. & friends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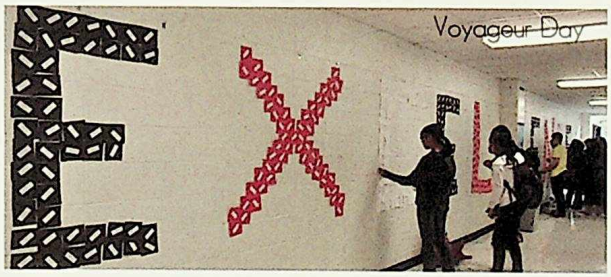
Voyageur Day

Sharukh A. & friends

Jill S. & Laura S.

the years. I would like to thank everyone who has supported Students Union. Whether you have helped organize an event, took part in leadership courses, or simply participated during lunch hours, your involvement is much appreciated. Thank you to all of the committee members who have dedicated endless hours towards making M.E LaZerte a better place. We have developed strong friendships that I hope will last a lifetime. Most importantly, I would like to personally thank Mrs. Kofluk for all of her guidance and support. She has inspired me to pursue my strengths as a leader, and Students Union would not be the same without her. Keep up your voyageur pride, and never be afraid to become a leader.

Tanner Mack
Students Union President
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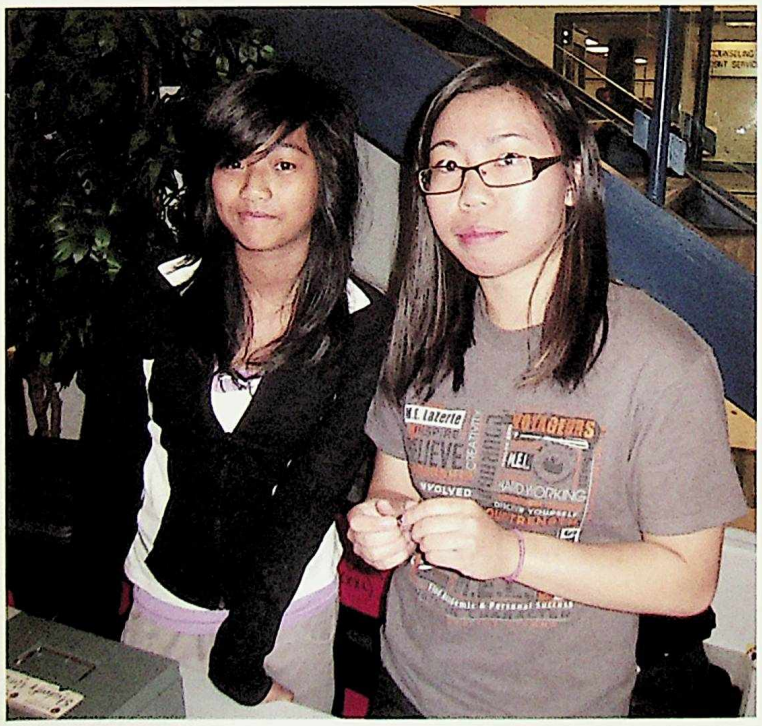
Helping Hampers

Jasmine & Jenny K



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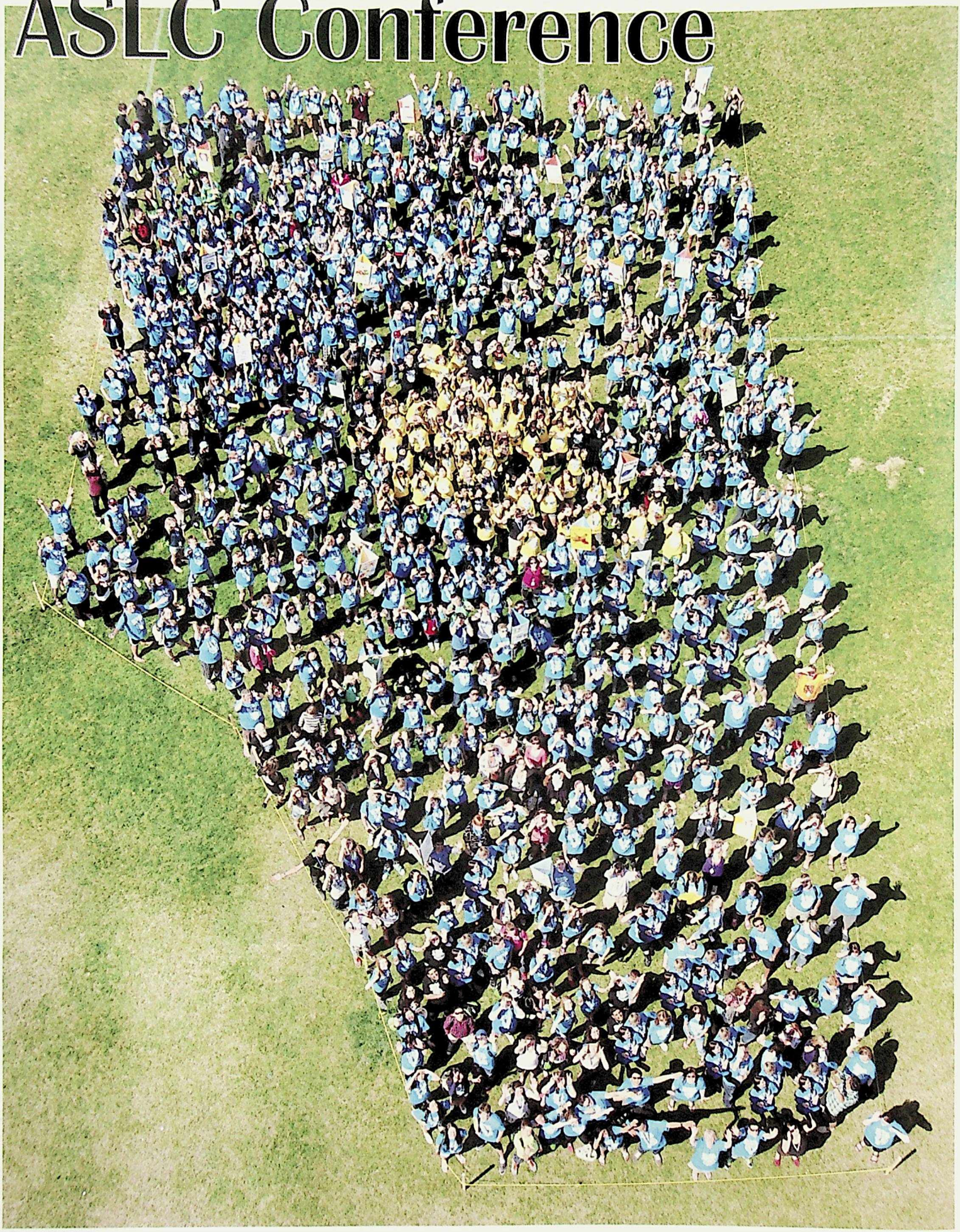
ASLC Conference



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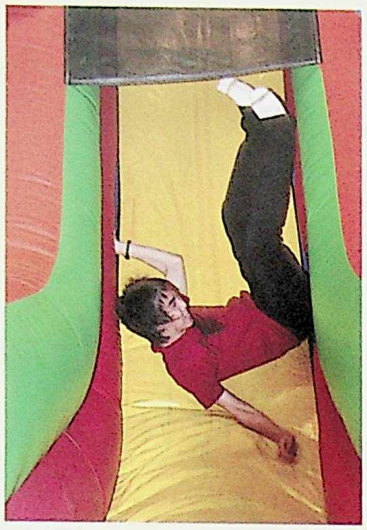
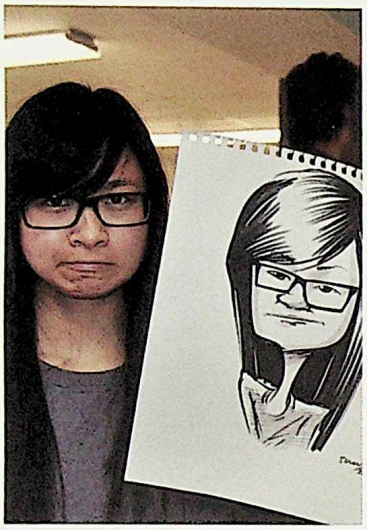
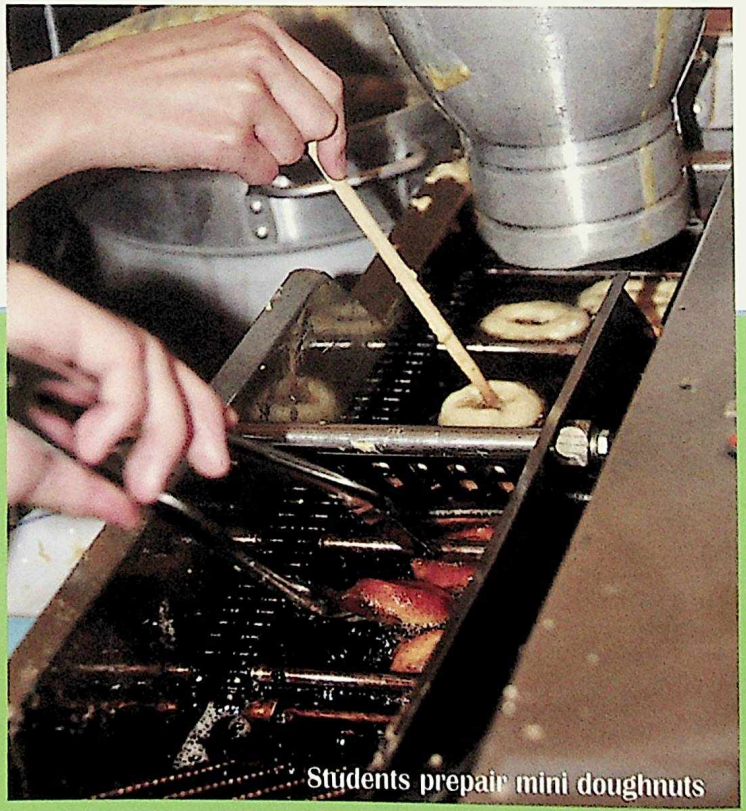
M. E LaZerte had the amazing opportunity to host the Alberta Student Leadership Conference (ASLC). ASLC is held every year for students all over Alberta at the High School level, to experience and expand their knowledge of leadership. 561 students were welcomed into our school and were put into different groups with unique names such as "The Ogopogo's, Hakuna Matata, and Whimsical Whales". The groups participated in a variety of different games that brought the students together. Inspirational speakers such as Aaron McNaught came and spread their wisdom and knowledge to the students. The leaders of tomorrow went back to their communities inspired, and were prepared to make a difference. ASLC showcased the students talents, and their love for leadership. They made new friends and great new memories.



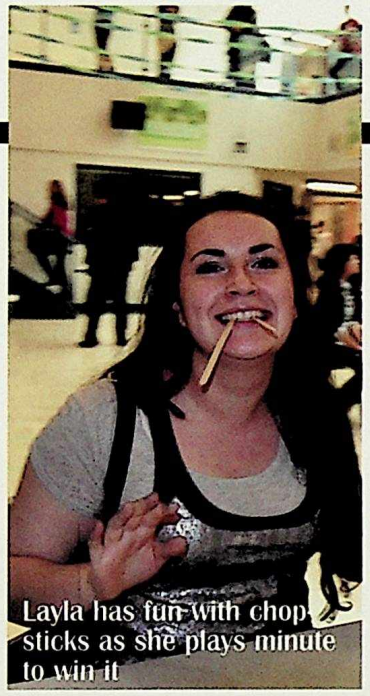


Mr. Pacholik takes aim



Students prepair mini doughnuts

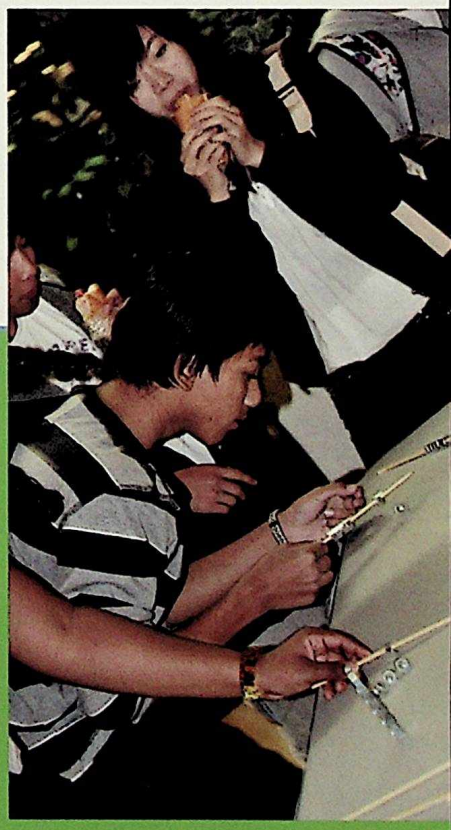
Welcome Week



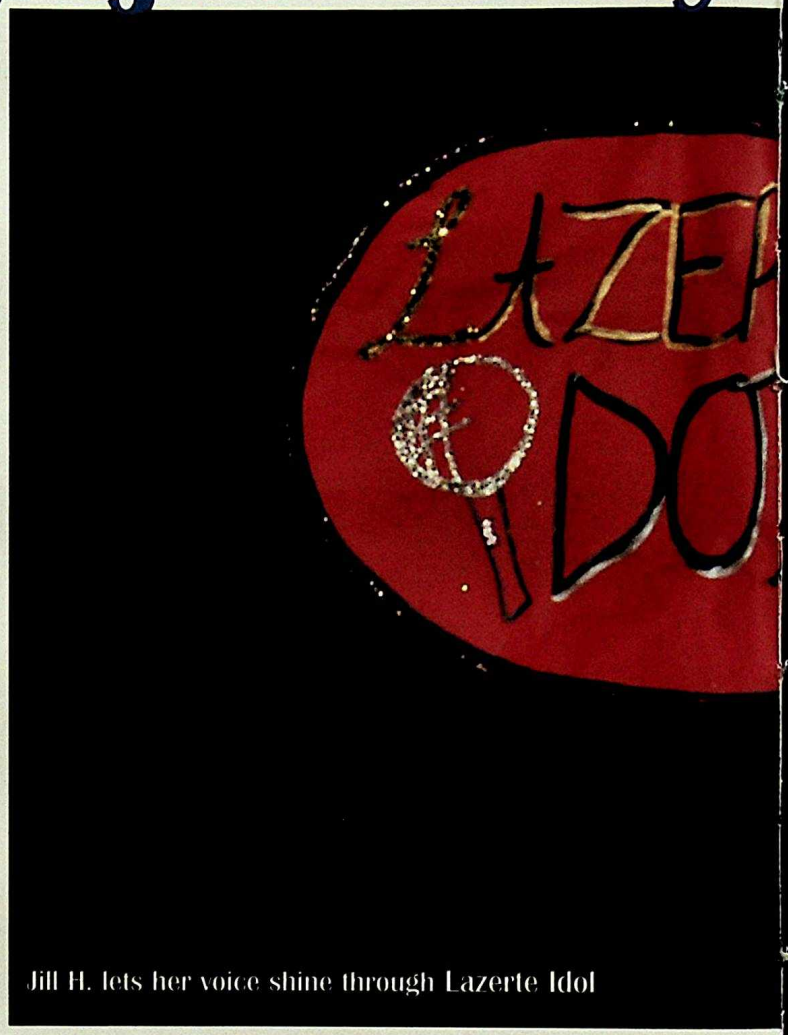
Layla has fun with chop sticks as she plays minute to win it

LaZerte students are always excited when they enter the school for the first time after a long summer. Welcome week is the first chance they get to laugh, dance, and have fun with their friends. From bouncy castles to mini dounuts the students of LaZerte are given a week of entertaining lunch hours to get them excited for the new school year. Welcome week is a great chance for our grade tens to become comfortable with our school and to meet a ton of new friends. Our elevens and twelve's also love this week because it gives them a chance to reconnect with their friends from the past year and feel like they never left.

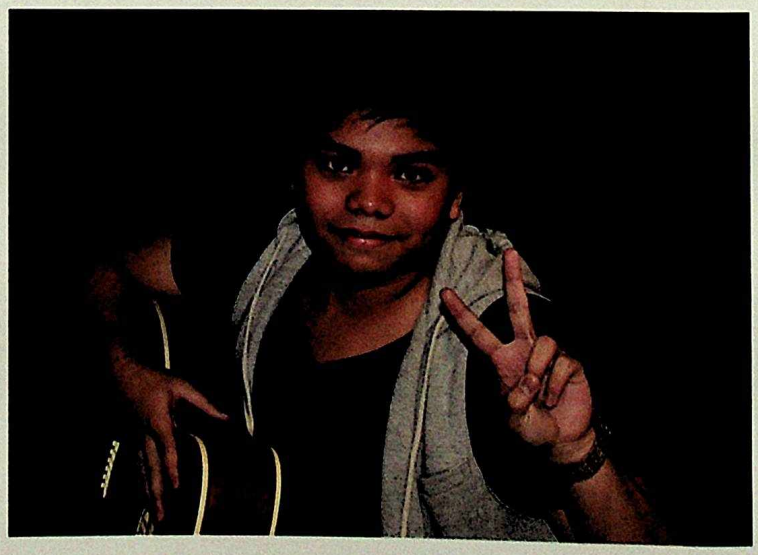
Jill H. dances away playing just dance



music is my journey



Jill H. lets her voice shine through Lazerte Idol



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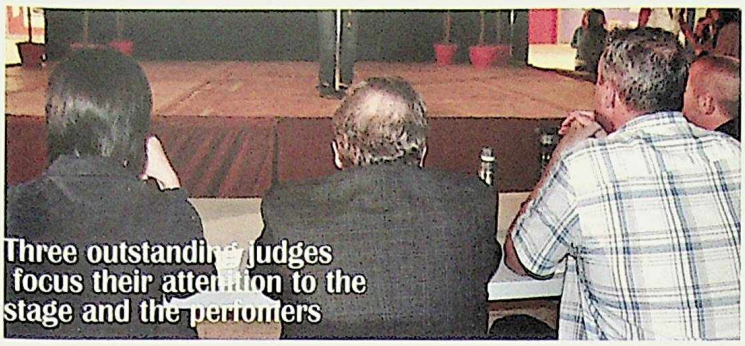
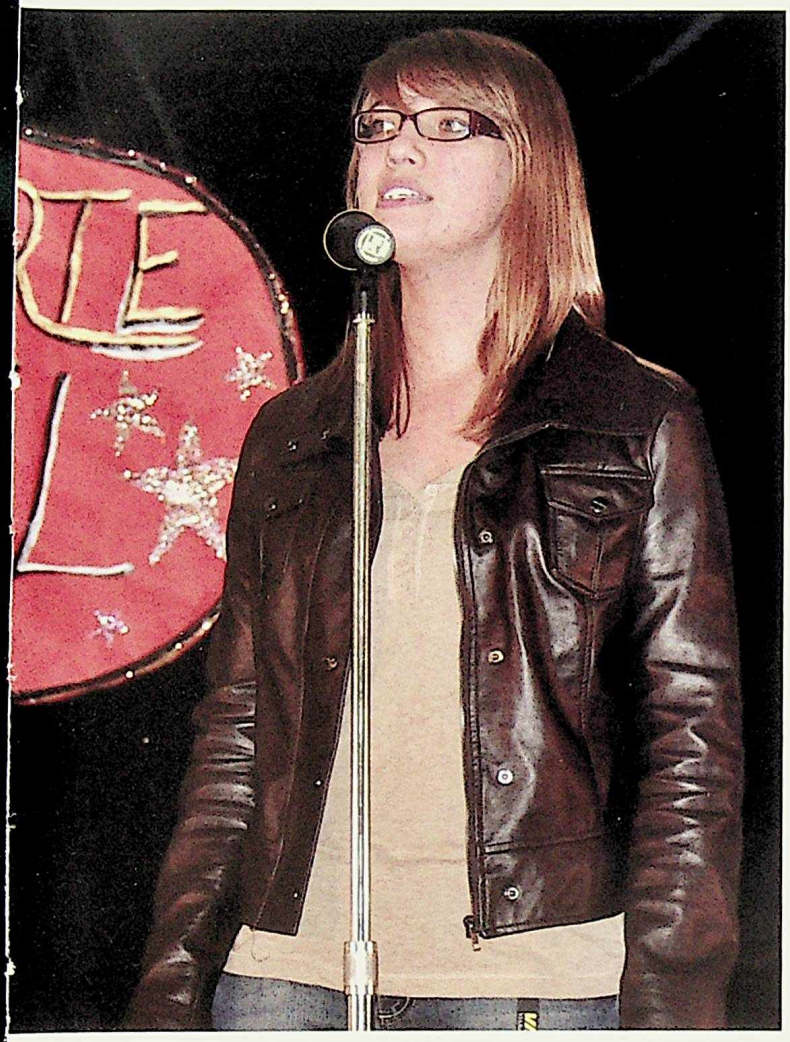
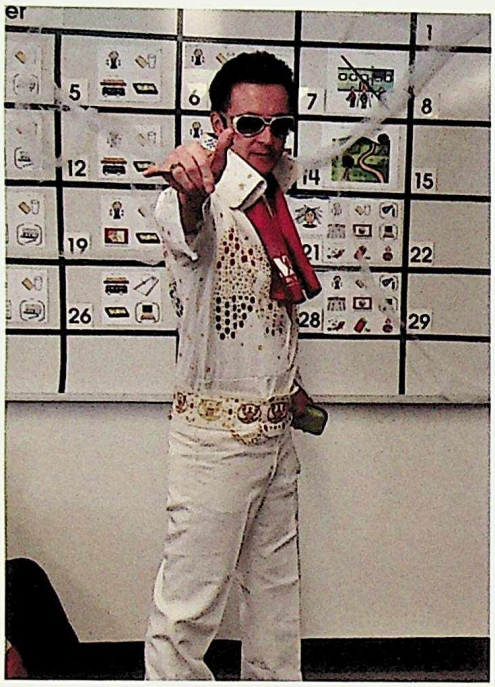


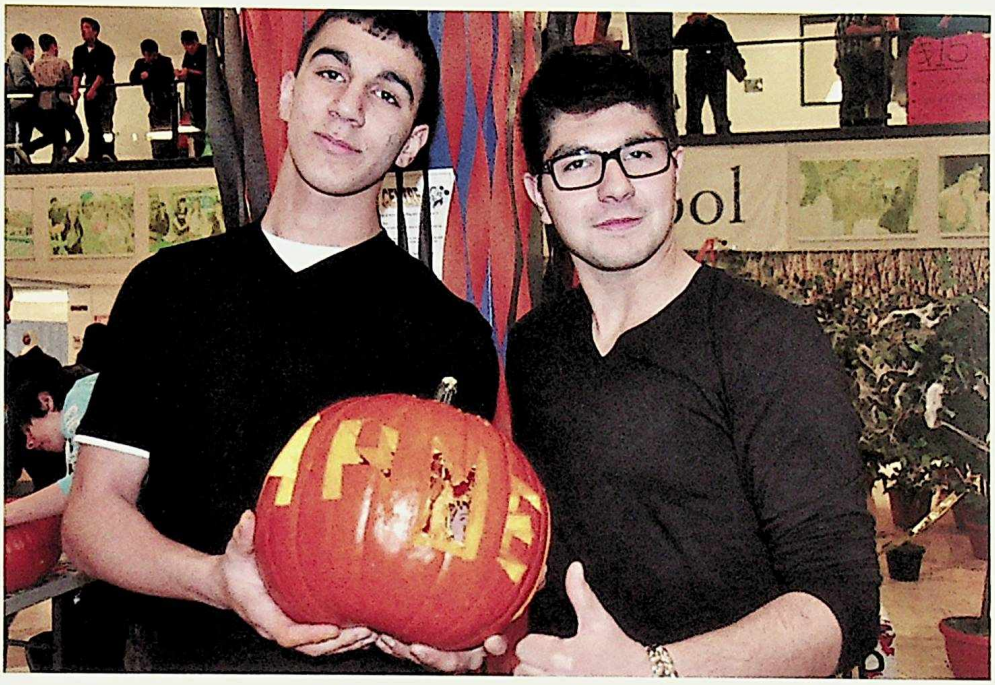
Three outstanding judges focus their attention to the stage and the performers



Box man

These three ladies show off the beautiful pumpkin



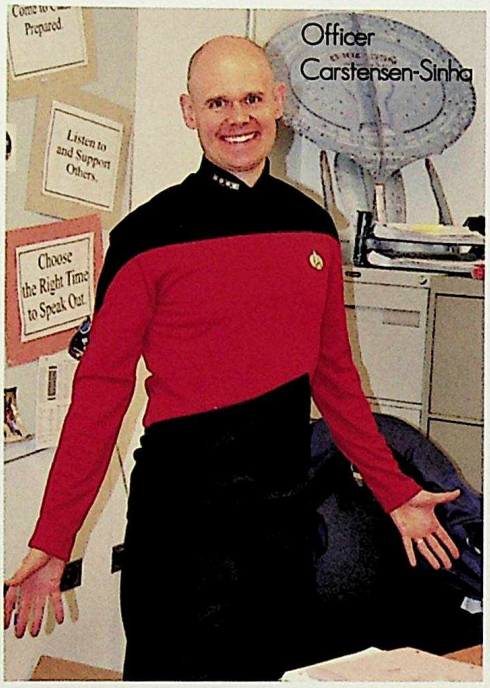


Students enjoy delicious pumpkin pie during a pie eating contest

Charlies' Angels

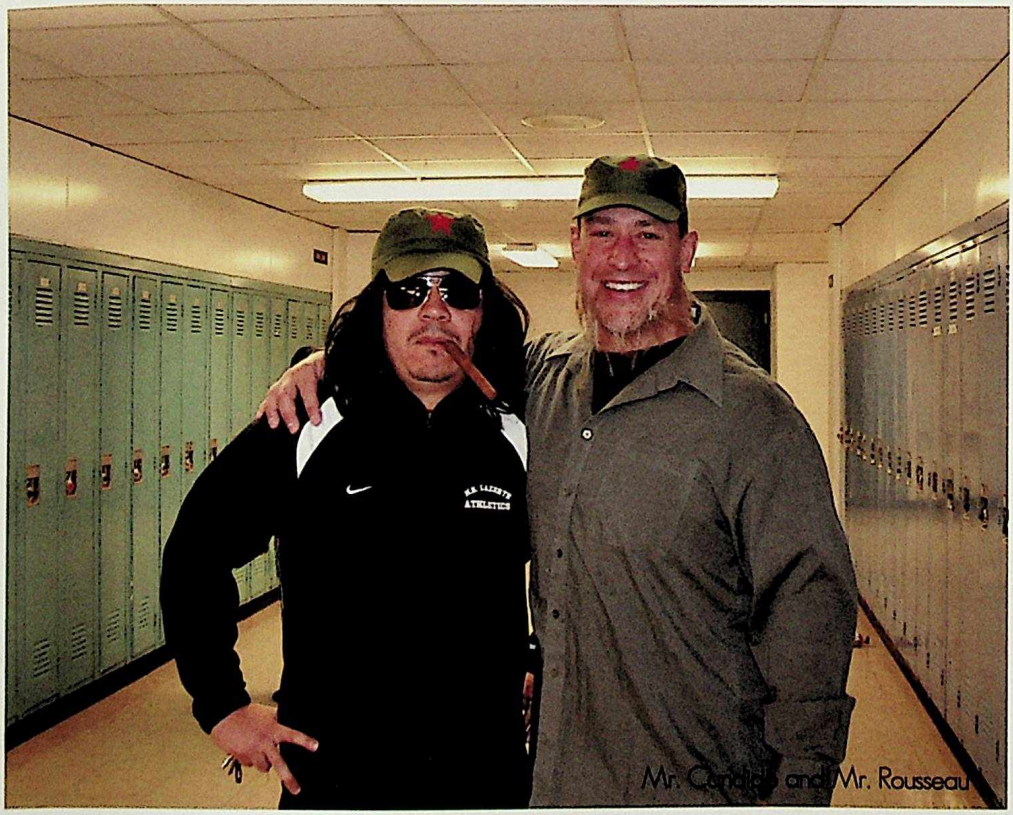
Halloween Wraps Our Fears

Halloween is a fun time to dress up, look at the crazy costumes created, and have a good time. At LaZerte we love to celebrate creativity by giving our students a chance to show off their costumes in the annual costume contest. The teachers at LaZerte are very active when it comes to Halloween. We all remember Mrs. Richter's very creepy costume and Mr.Carstensen-Sinha's Star Trek outfit. Also, we are competitive to be the best especially in pumpkin pie eating and jack-o-lantern carving. Halloween is a great time of year to see where people's talents really are, whether it's for beautiful makeup, costume design, or stuffing your face we are always have a good time at LaZerte during Halloween. It allows us to have a creative imagination, and hold onto our childhood. Remember, Halloween is our chance to become a different person.



Officer Carstensen-Sinha

Mrs. Richter


Mr. Candido and Mr. Rousseau

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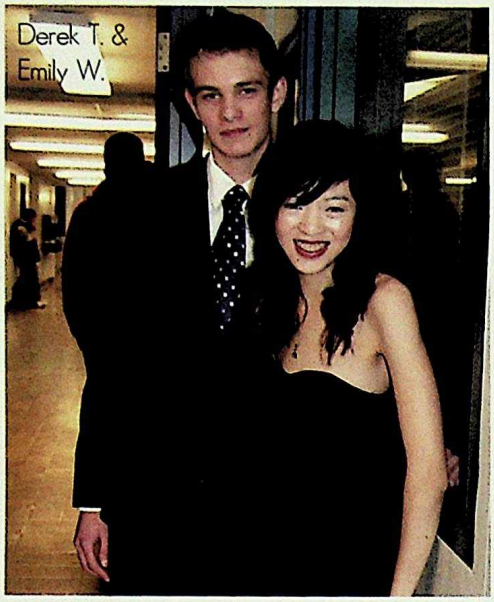
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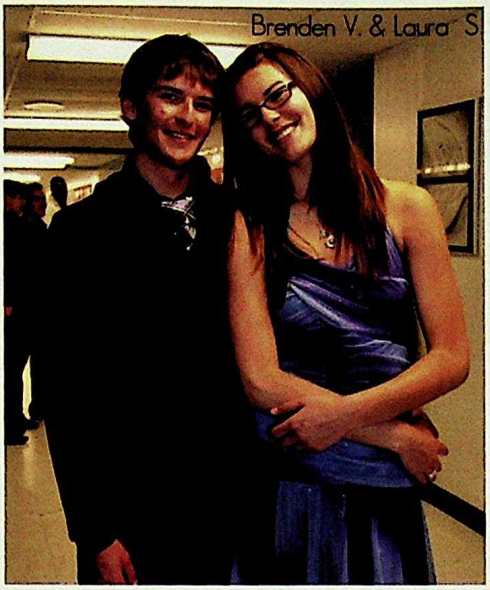
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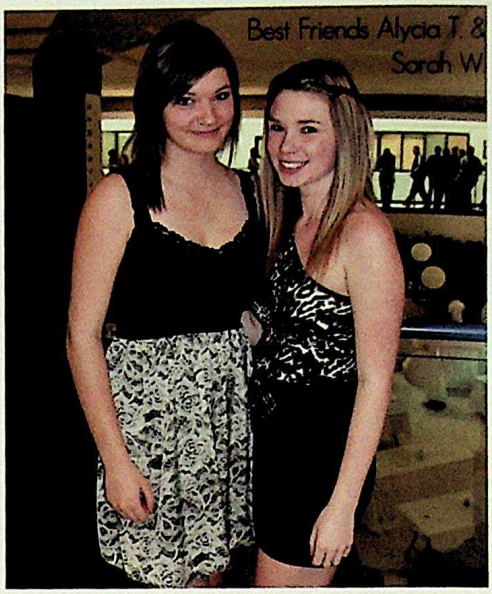
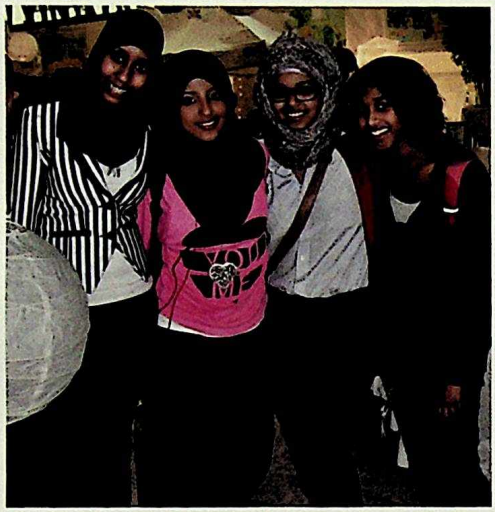
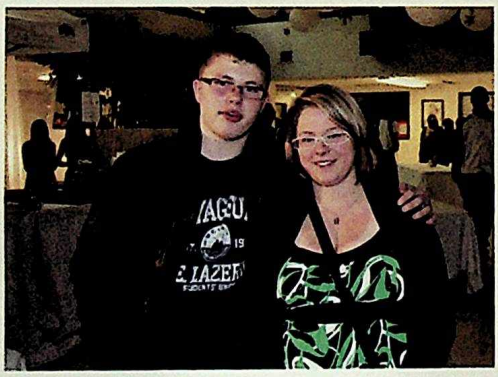
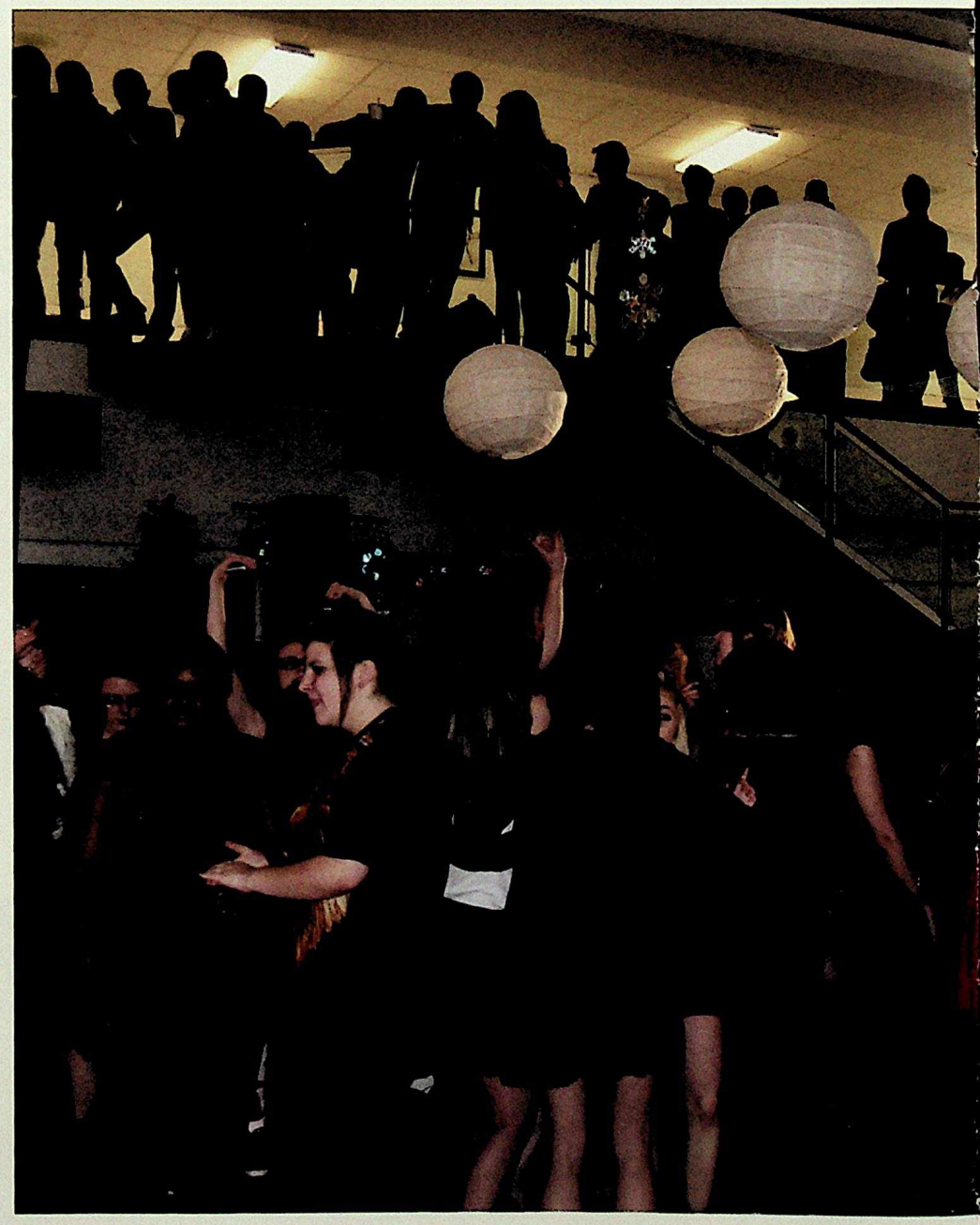

Best Friends Alycia T. & Sarah W.







Christmas time at LaZerte is always full of good spirits and happiness. The students showed their school spirit by dressing up on Formal Friday, and cookie decorating in the atrium. LaZerte also hosted their annual Inner City Christmas party

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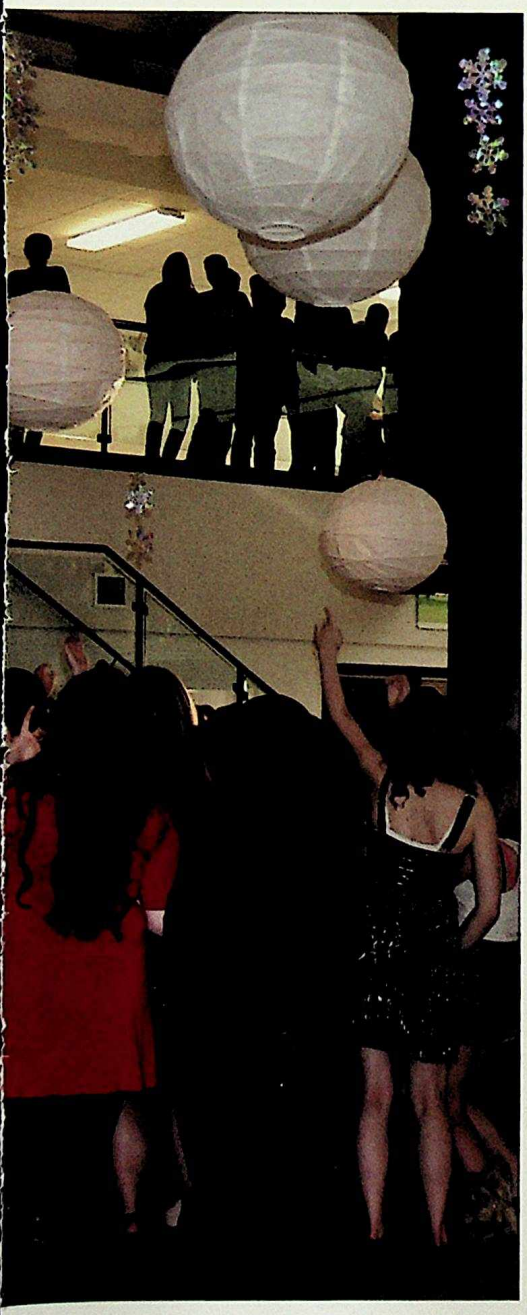
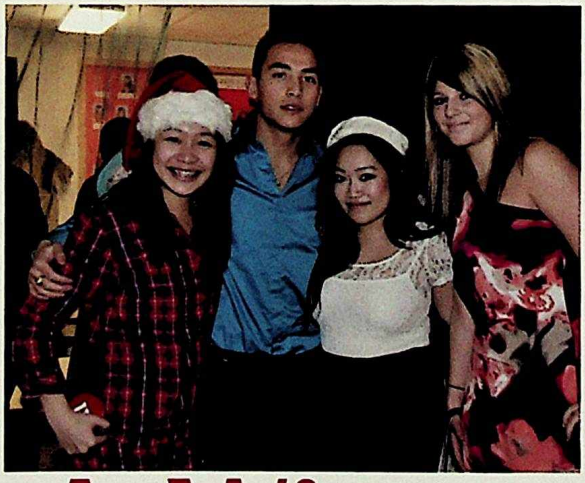
Jeanette T. & Sandra S.

Cookie Decorating

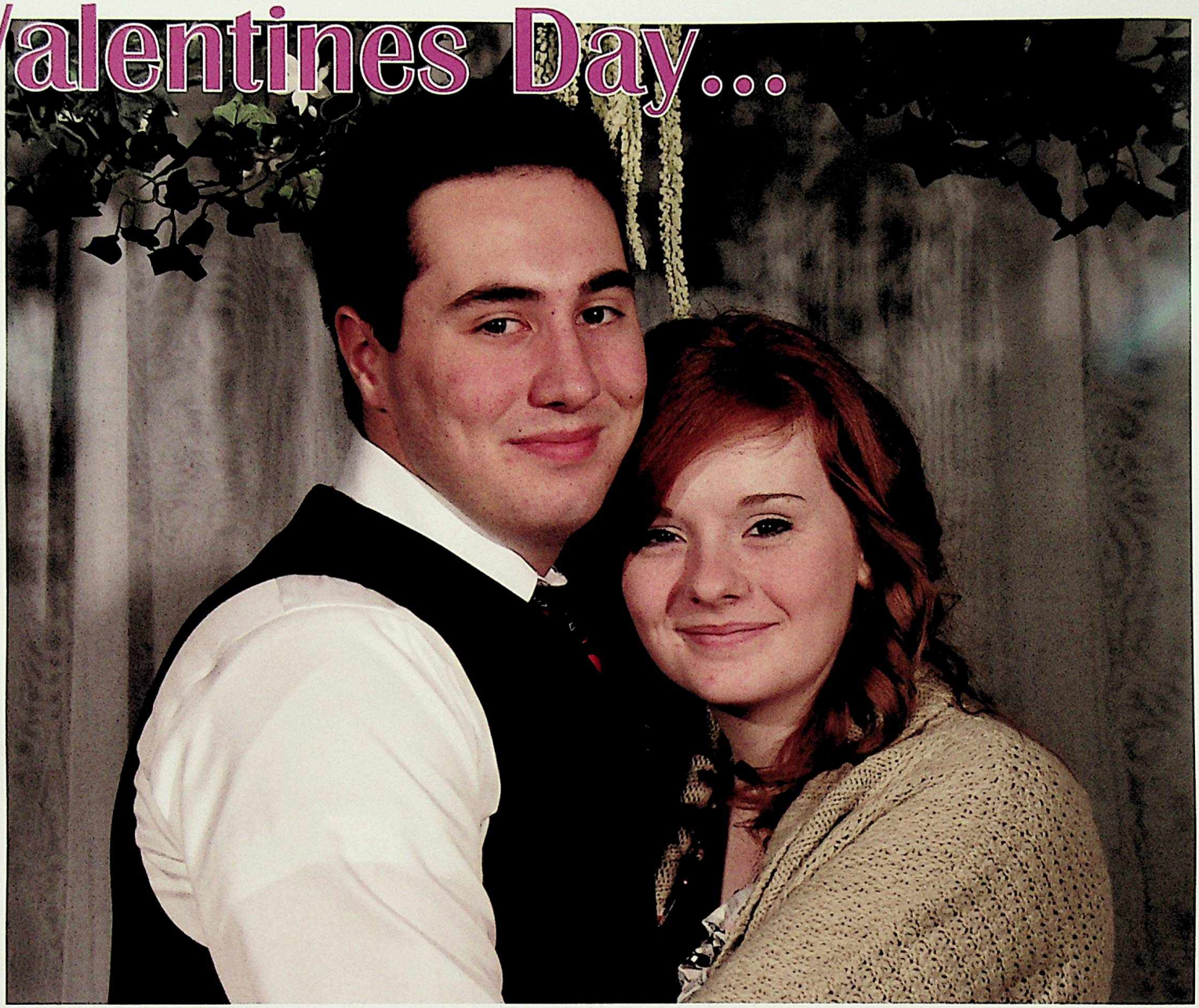


Student's Union president, Tanner Mack, and friends



A Winter Wonderland

Valentines Day...



The fairy-tale themed touch of class event this year was a beautiful success. Students dressed up in their formal wear to support the celebration of Valentines Day. The women looked gorgeous and the men looked handsome. Everyone had wonderfully bright smiles to show off in the Cinderella carriage photo booth with friends. It was a day enjoyed by all staff and students.

With a Touch of Class

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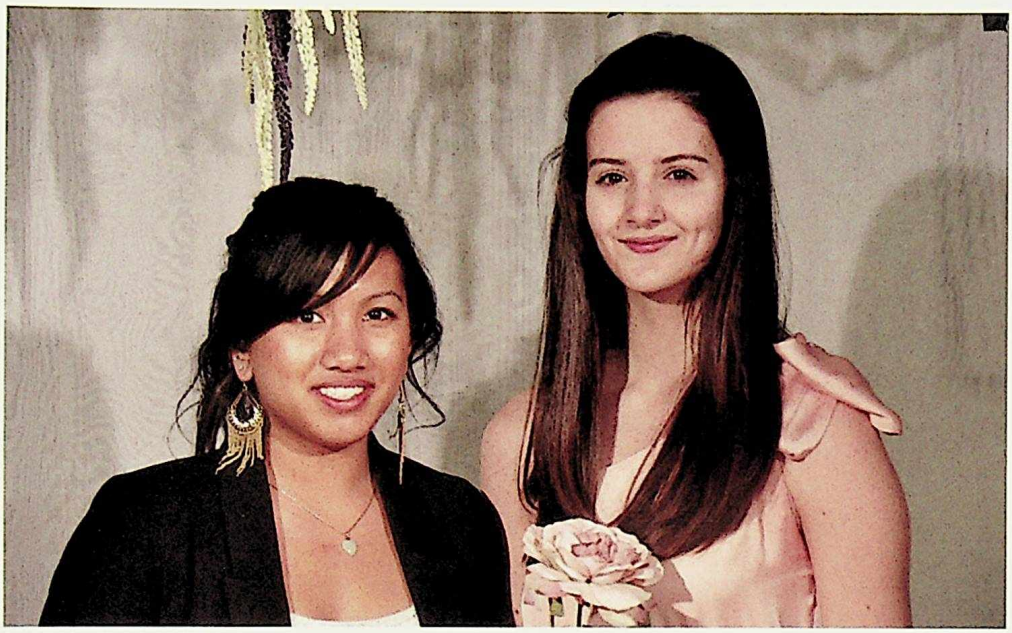

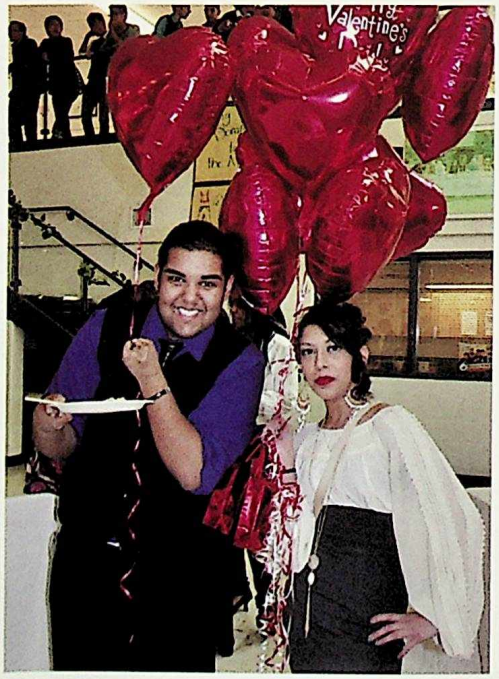
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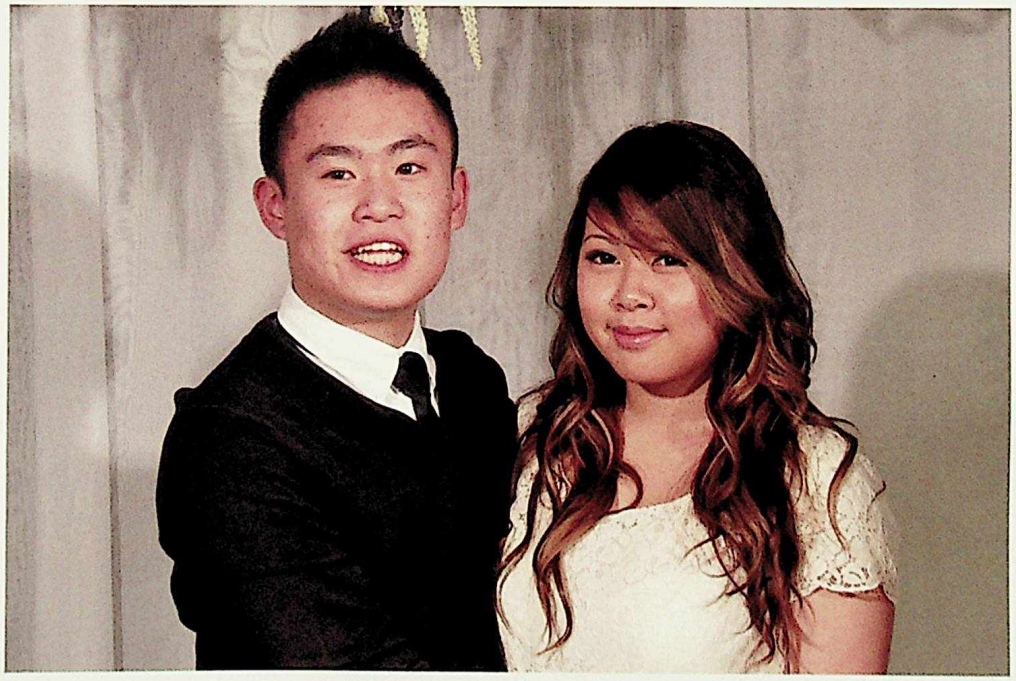


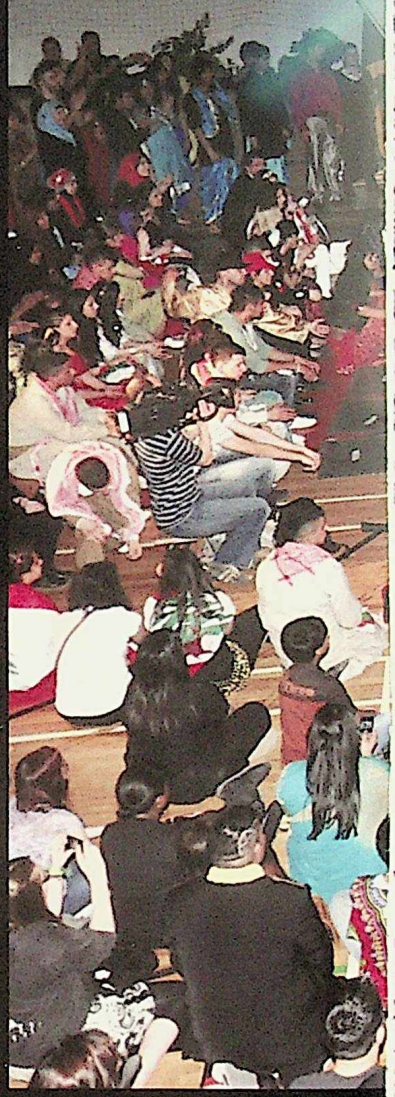
Taste of Lazerte is an annual celebration of a variety of cultures that M.E LaZerte has to offer. The event starts off with the Opening Ceremonies at the beginning of the week, where it showcases the many ethnic backgrounds. Each country shows off their cultural flag and traditional clothing worn by each gender. Along with the flag, a member of the country carries a bowl of multi colored rocks. At the end of the walk they dump the rocks into a large container. These rocks in the container resemble the unification of the different cultures.

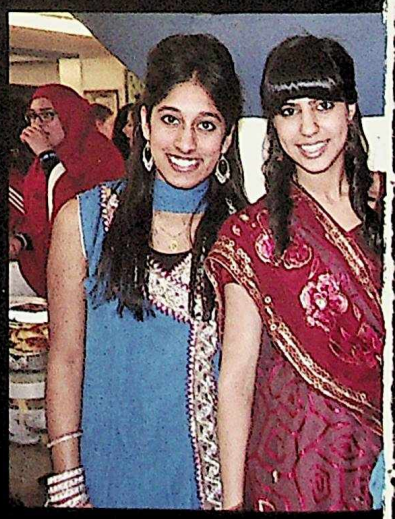
On the last day of mulicultural week students gather to experience different foods and entertainment. The classes are condensed, so the students get to have an incredible experience. The food consists of sweet and spicy and other incredible tastes. After lunch, students gather in the Elniski Gym to watch a variety of cultural performances. Performances were made by Ukraine, India, League of Arab Nations, China, and Fiji. This year at Taste of LaZerte the school presented a lipdub about the school's cultural diversity. The Lipdub was based around the great Micheal Jackons' "Black & White". The video then was posted to YouTube where it recieved over five thousand hits.

Taste of LaZerte is a great way to show our school's pride in diversity. We may not all look alike, but our love for our culture brings us together.

Ukrainian Dancers

Michael M. & special guests show off their Ukrainian dance skills





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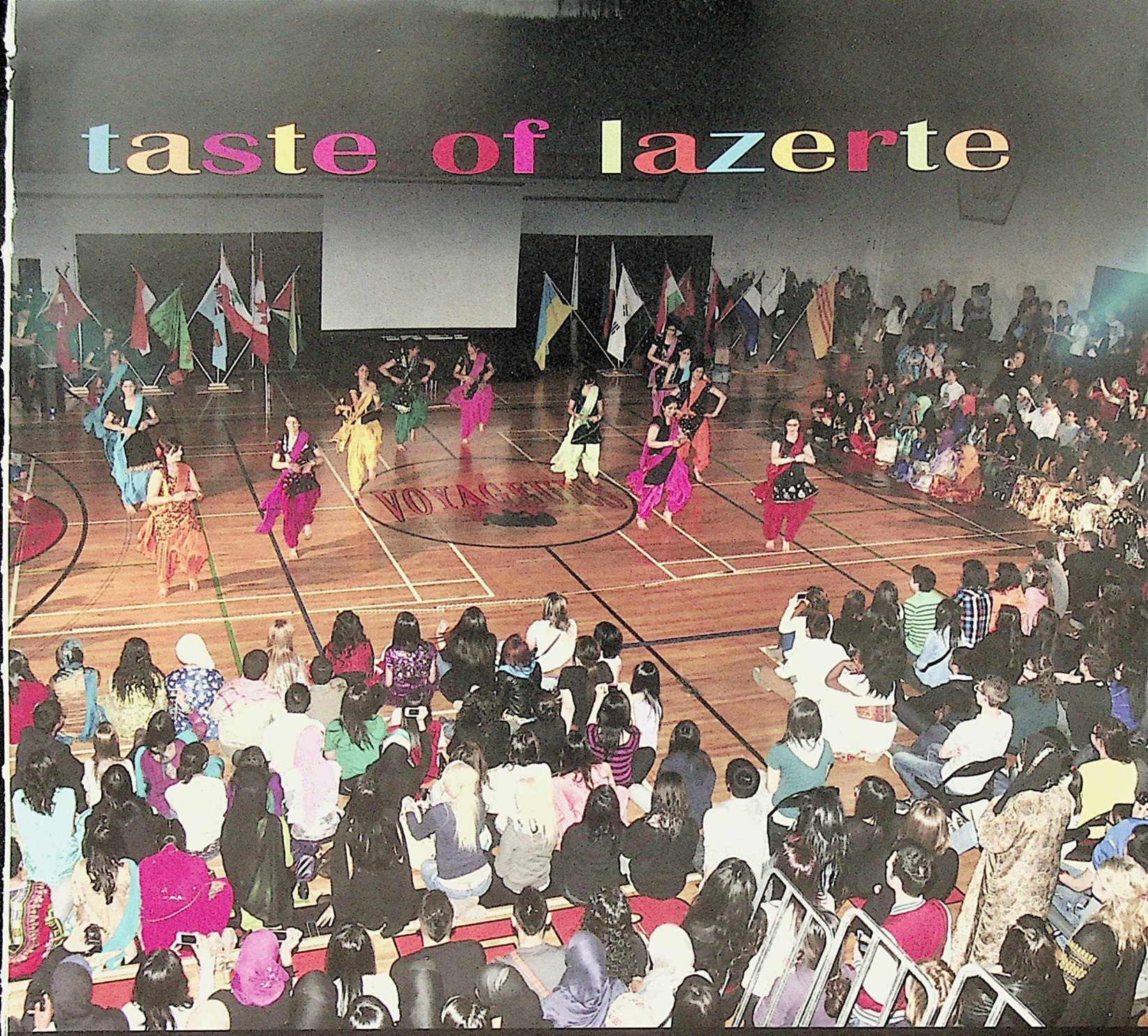
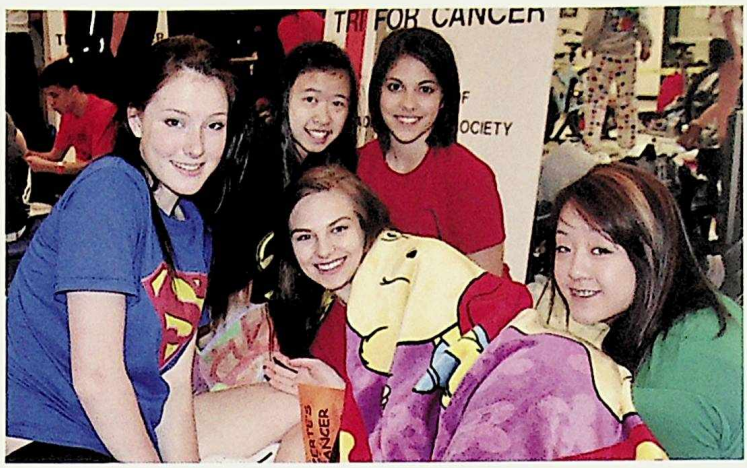
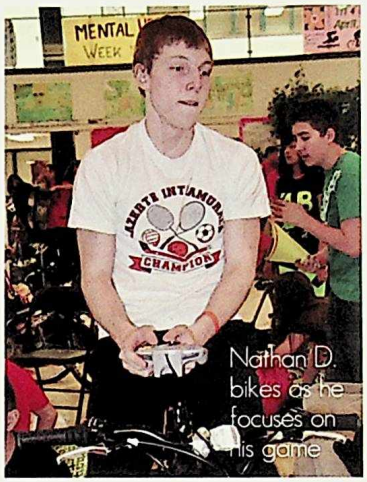
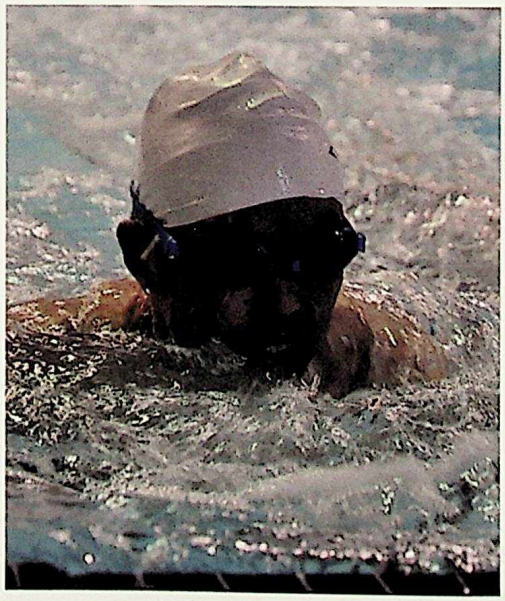






Nathan D. bikes as he focuses on his game

tri 4 cancer



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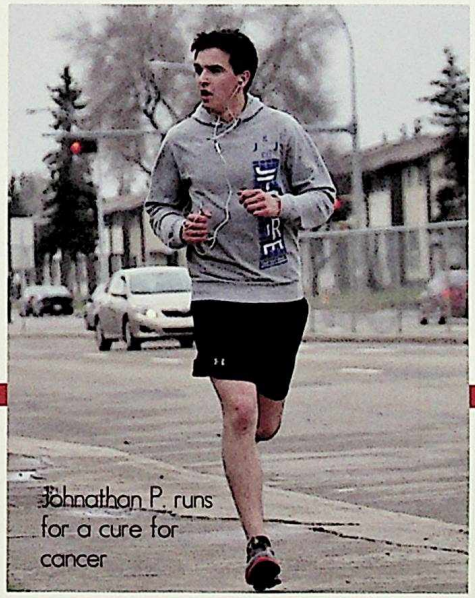
All participants of the tri 4 cancer

Team "Where's Waldo?"



Johnathon P. runs for a cure for cancer

Every year LaZerte holds a "Tri for Cancer. The students enter a team of 4 or 5 and participate in 3 events. A 2000 meter swim, biking stationary for 3 hours and a 21 kilometer run. The teams showed determination and strength throughout the day. They raised an extraordinary amount of $19 357. WAY TO GO VOYAGEURS!

30 Hour Famine

Jyoti & Pooja P[illegible] friends

As of 2010 it is known that there are 926 million people in need of food. A number of 907 million people in less developed countries are hungry, and 19 million people in developing countries. These numbers are increasing everyday. M.E. LaZerte holds a 2 day experience where students go through a 30 hour experience, to see what it's like to not have enough food, and also the feeling of being hungry. As well, the participating students get the chance to build houses out of many garbage materials such as cardboard boxes, and scrap pieces of wood. This event gives students an idea of how difficult life can be and how hard it is when you do not have immediate access to the basic needs of life, and how we shouldn't take our access to them for granted.

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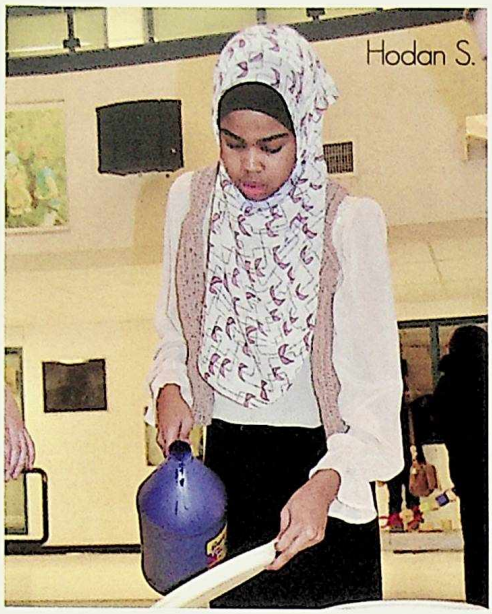
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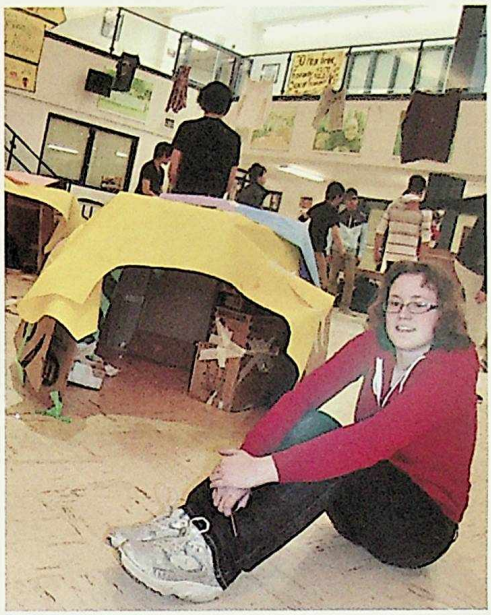
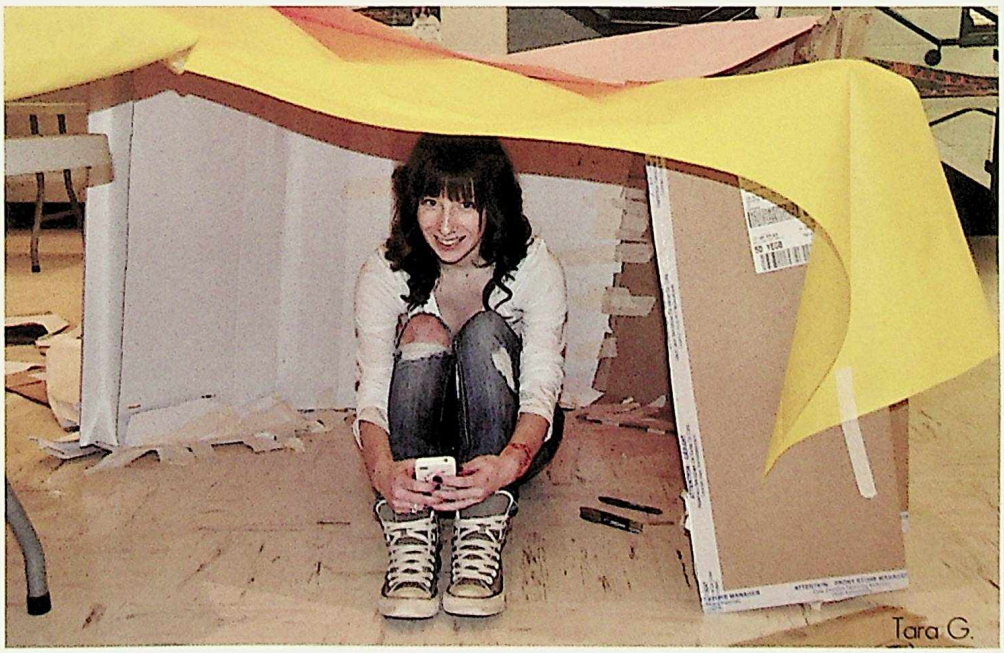


Haley P. & Sharukh A.

Miranda C. showing off her hut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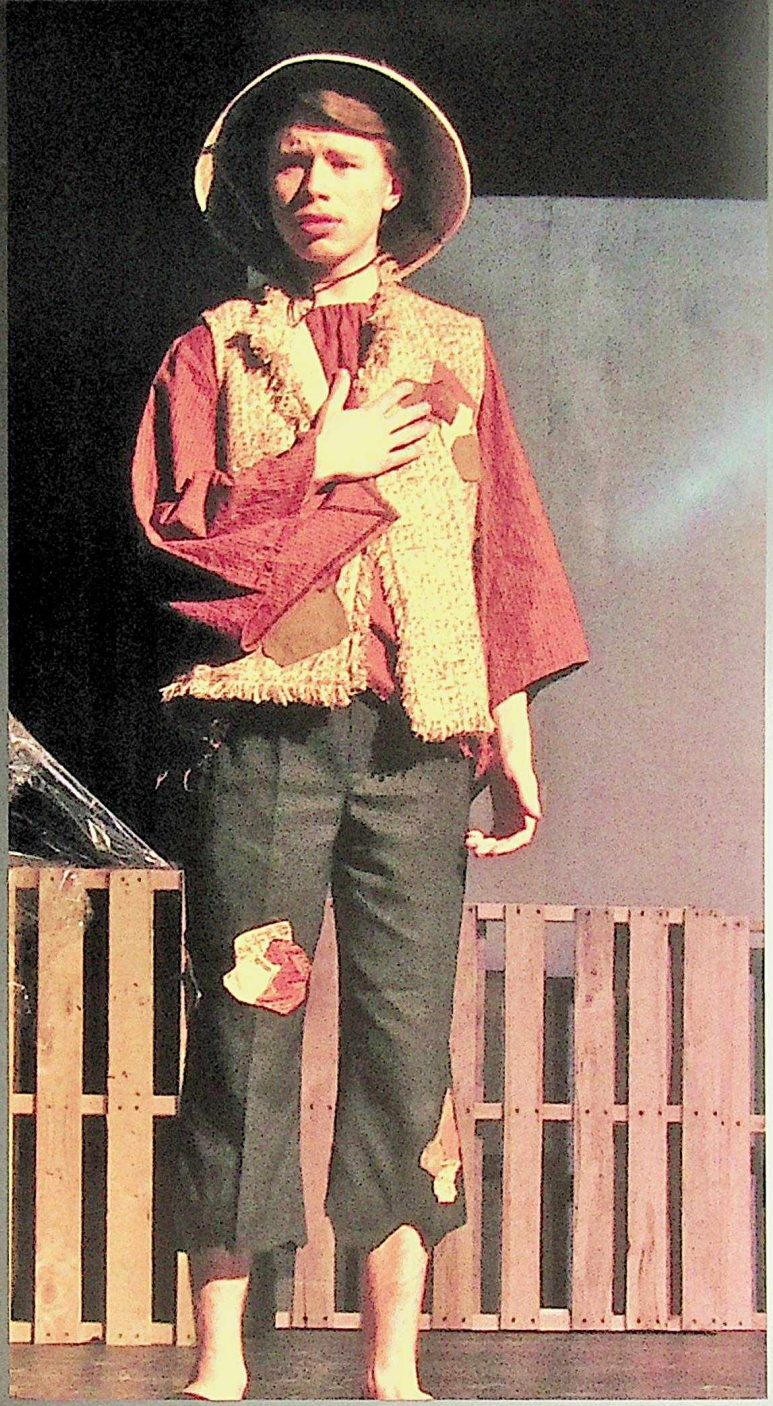

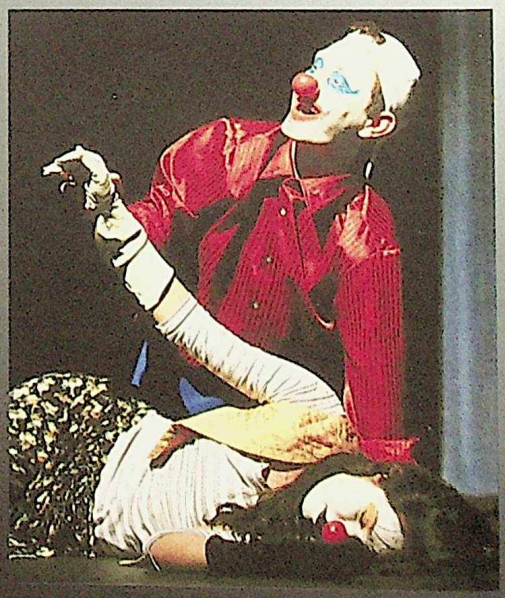

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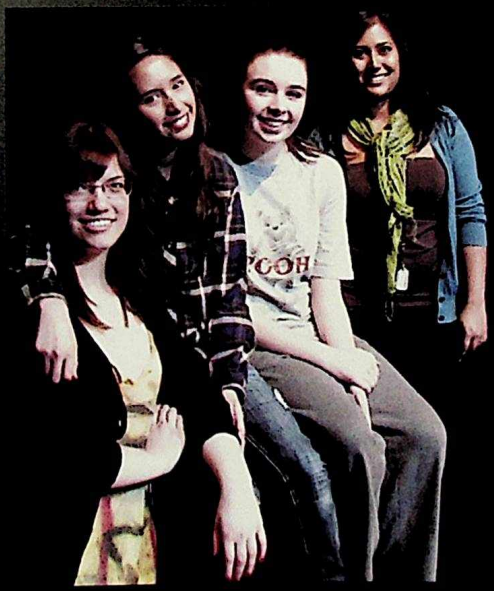

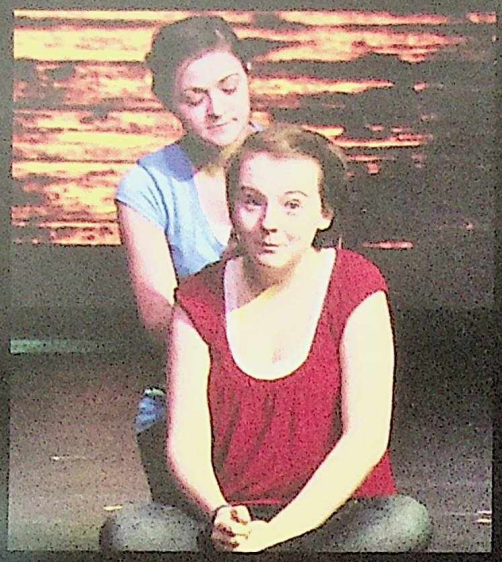

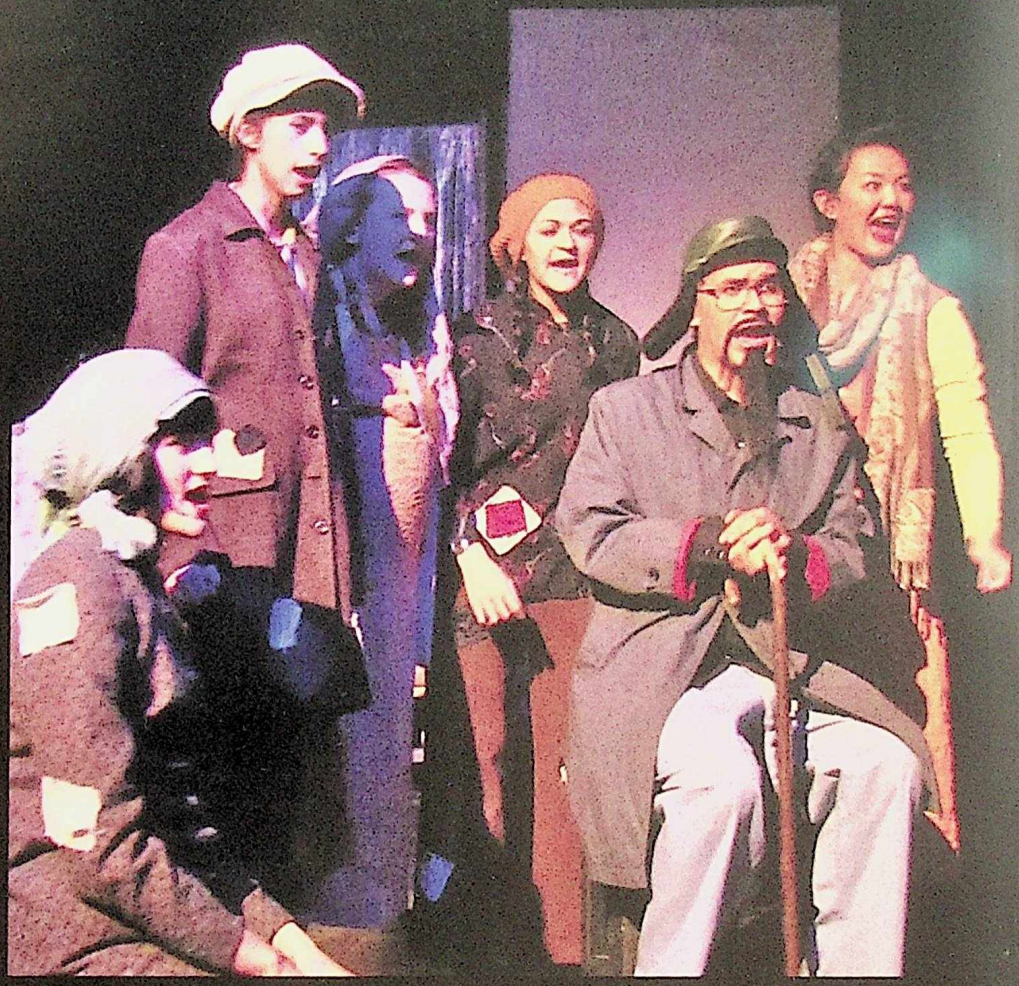

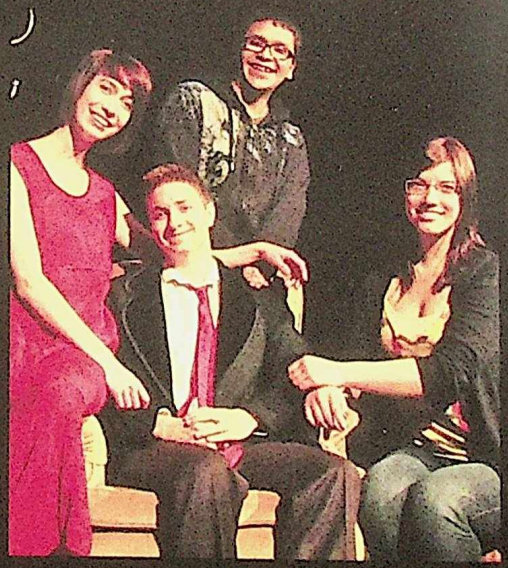

Edmonton Public School's District Awards
Jennifer Wong - EPSB Fine Arts Award
Candace Job - Ben Sauve Artstrek Bursary
(One Act Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Acting
Jennifer Wong - Claudia in I, Claudia
Matthew Warren - Alphonse
Thomas Maier - Billy - The Day Billy Lived
Sydnie Lazina-Harold - Leslie in I,Claudia
(One Act Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Directing
Jennifer Wong - I, Claudia
Matthew Warren - Alphonse
Vince Garcia - The Problem
(One Act Festival) Honorable Mention for Achievement in Directing
Shae-Lynn Melnychuk - The Glass Menagerie
(One Act Festival) Newcomer Awards for Outstanding Acting
Christina Naidu – Laura in The Glass Menagerie
Candace Job - Kitty in Watermelon Boats
Outstanding Achievement in Set Design
Sydnie Lazina-Harold - Not Spain
Samantha Steiner - The Lifeboat is Sinking
(One Act Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Lighting
Thomas Maier - Alphonse
(One Act Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Sound Design
Matt Warren - Alphonse
(One Act Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Costume Design
Thomas Maier & Olivia McCotter - Picture Perfect
(City Drama Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Acting
Jennifer Wong - Claudia - I,Claudia
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(City Drama Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Ensemble
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(City Drama Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Directing
Jennifer Wong - I,Claudia
Matthew Warren - Alphonse
(City Drama Festival) Honorable Mention - Outstanding Achievement in Directing
Vince Garcia - The Problem
(City Drama Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Overall Design
Jennifer Wong - I,Claudia
Matthew Warren - Alphonse
(City Drama Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Acting (Small Ensemble)
Kurtis Ruth & Rose Speck - The Problem
(City Drama Festival) Honorable Mention - Outstanding Achievement in Directing
Vince Garcia - The Problem
(City Drama Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Technical Theatre
Thomas Maier - Alphonse
(City Drama Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Stage Management
Jill Hugman - I,Claudia
(City Drama Festival) Outstanding Achievement in Technical Theatre Ensemble
Thomas Maier, Sydney Lazina-Harold, Jen Wong, Vince Garcia, Matt Warren
(Provincial Drama Award) Outstanding Achievement in Acting
Matthew Warren - Alphonse
(Provincial Drama Award) Outstanding Achievement in Lighting Design
Matthew Warren & Thomas Maier - Alphonse
(Provincial Drama Award) Honorable Mention for Outstanding Achievement in Sound
Sydnie Lazina-Harold - Alphonse

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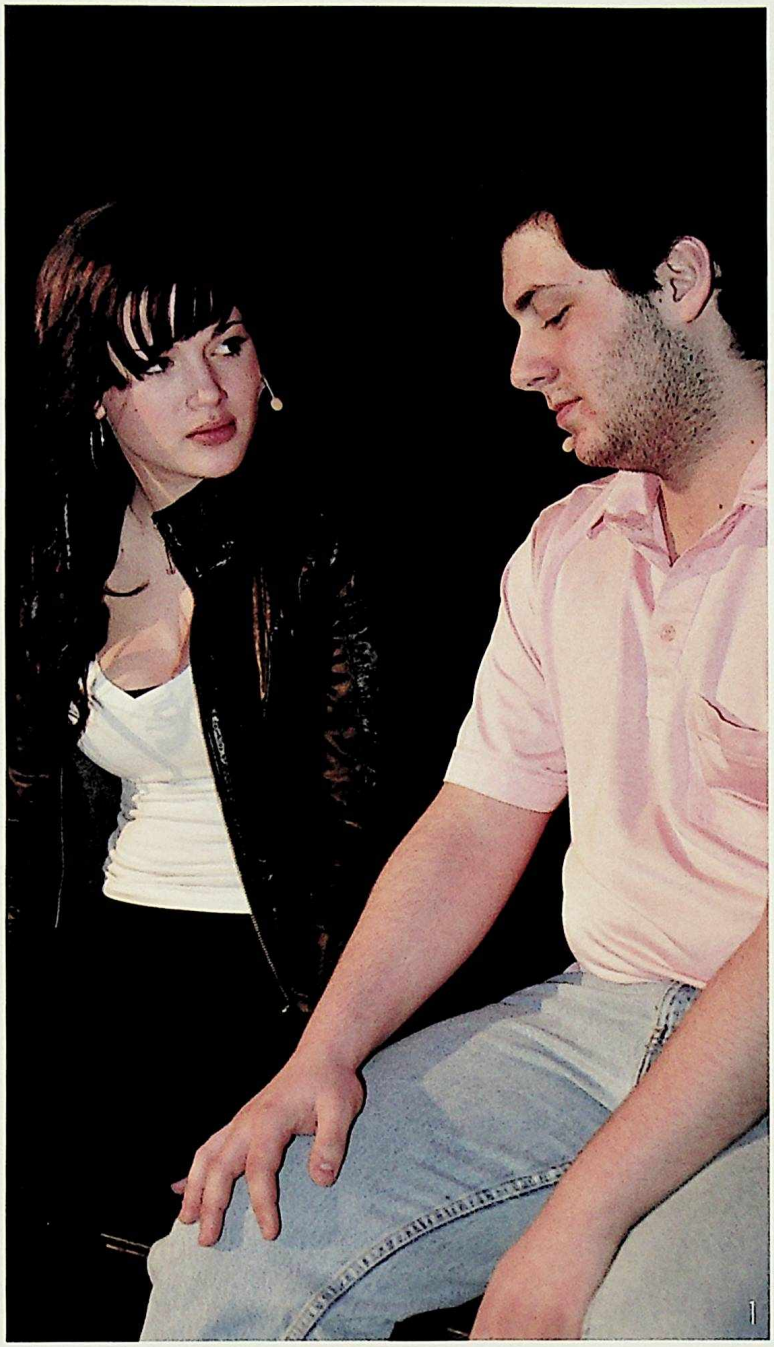
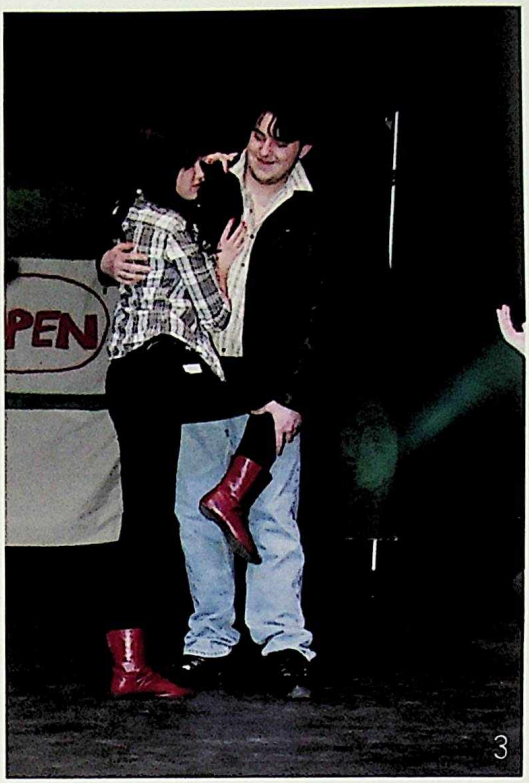
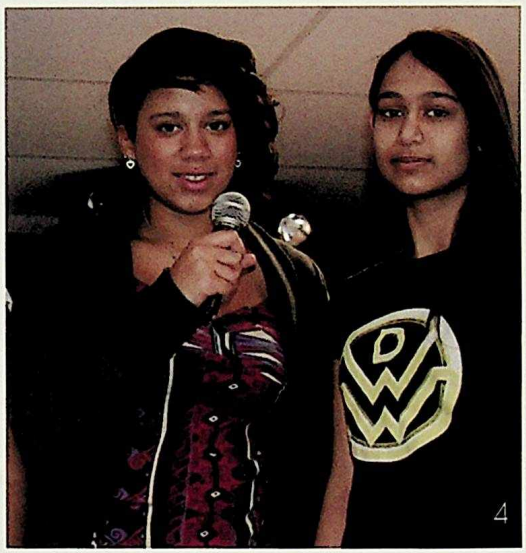
Footloose







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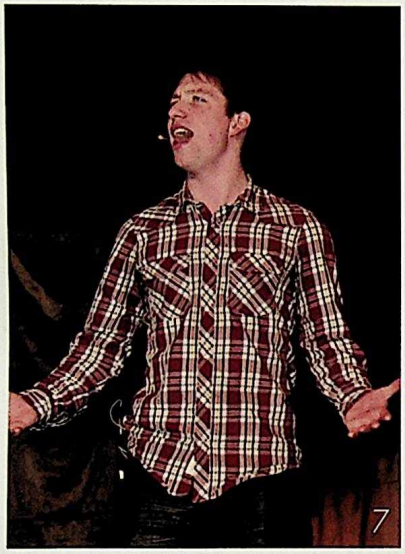
The cast, crew and band: Tamer H, Katelyn C, Christian Wade, Neweleen C, Nathaniel T, Brooklyn K, Gracie R., Stephanine L, Dalila H, Cassy P, Keyana L, Emily W, Ashleigh C, Brittney R, Annie T, Kara Z, Michelle D, David M, Nicolette G, Kellsey R, Morgan M, Bethany H, Christian Westgate, Barbara P, Emily T, Calvin S, Katelyn T, Brandon C (alumni), Sharon L, Priscilla B, Ivy M, Shiannah C, director Mr. Corey Whaley.



In these pictures:
1 Tamer and Katelyn rehearsing for Footloose.
2 M.E.L concert band playing at the year end concert.
3 Katleyn and Nathaniel practicing "Girl gets around".
4 Jamila and Aashna singing in choral.
5 Nicolette singing on stage.
6 Cast of Footloose dacing in the opening number.
7 Christian singing his solo as the reverend.
8 David, Gray, and Ben working in contemporary music.
9 M.E.L band performing in Sun Peaks, BC.

Throughout this year the M.E.L music program has accomplished a number of wonderful performances. One of the many highlights of the year was the musical Footloose. The story of a city boy moving into a small town and looking to dance. It turned out to be a spectacular performance. However, it was only amazing due to the greatly committed cast, crew and band, who put in countless hours of effort.

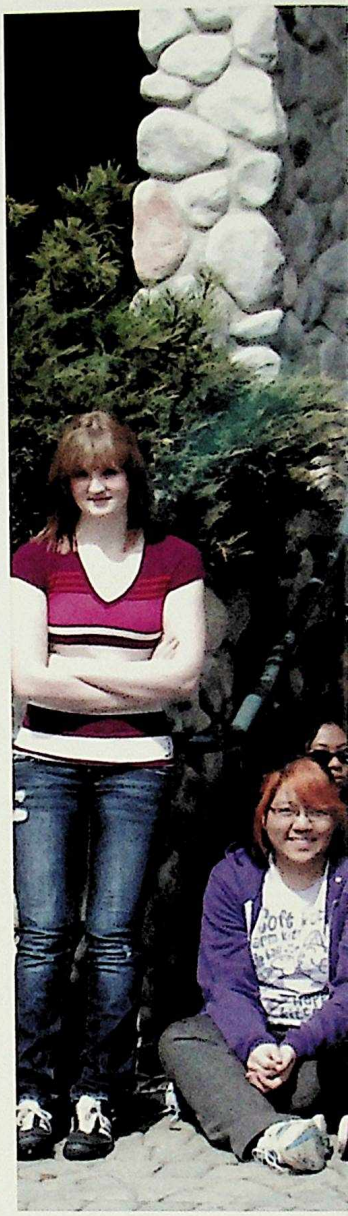
Also during the year, the choir and band got the chance to travel to Sun Peaks, BC to perform in an outstanding music festival. None of this would have been possible without the amazing director, Mr. Corey Whaley and the help of our MPAL committee. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jill Hugman and Christian Westgate in receiving two important awards. Jill received the top student in band 30 and Christian relieved the MPAL President award.

Now that the year is over, new friends had been made, and seniors are saying their goodbyes, the love of music will always stay in our hearts. and minds. We will all continue to sing, dance, and play as loud as ever. The music students will always be having the time of their lives. Music will continue to keep us together.

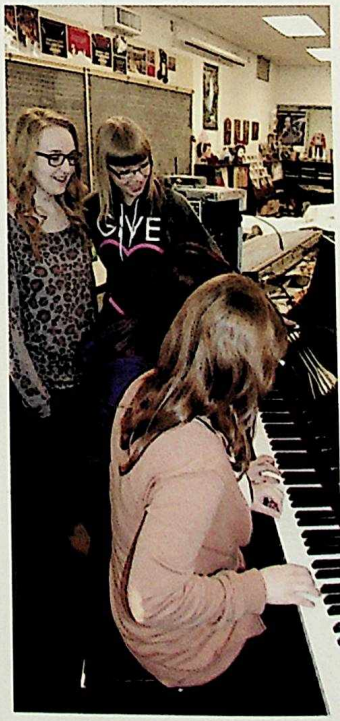
Music Is In Our Soul

Jill H.

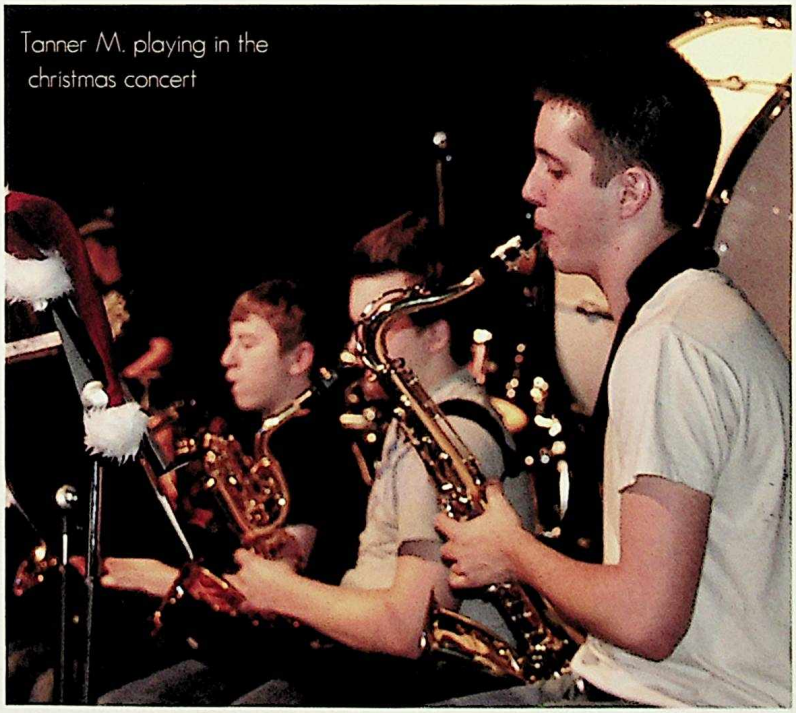
Christian W.



(L-R) Jill H., Emily W., Landon E., Kara Z., Gracie R. & Christian W.



Annie T. & Senior Choir



Tanner M. playing in the christmas concert

M. E. LAZERTE
HOME
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year in review 30

from start to finsh

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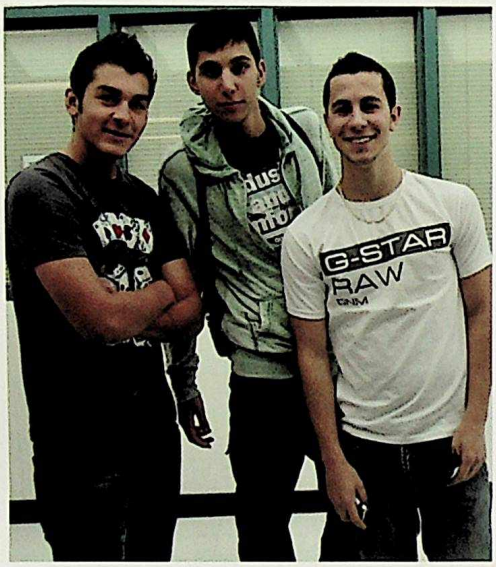
September

Students running in the Turkey trot



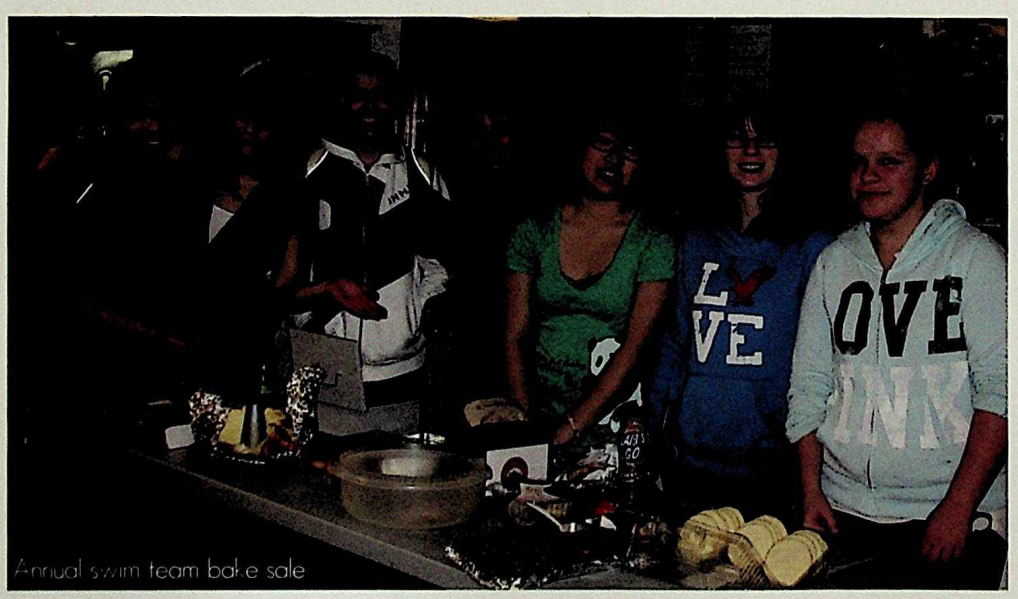
During the first weeks of school many new and returning students begin to settle back into their daily routines. Many events were put on early in the year to help calm the nerves of new students while reuniting old students with their school environment. Some activities put on during the beginning of the year included Voyager day, International day of Peace and the annual turkey trot. During Voyageur day names of every student were placed around the school, with a scavenger hunt to find your name being preceded. This gave students an opportunity to venture around M. E. Lazerte, with prizes being given out at the end. September 21st was the International day of Peace where students demonstrated their concern on this global issue. The Voyagers expressed their commitment to the cause by engraving their handprints on a banner, a visual representation of the battle for the absence of violence and wars around the world.

October Sets The Year

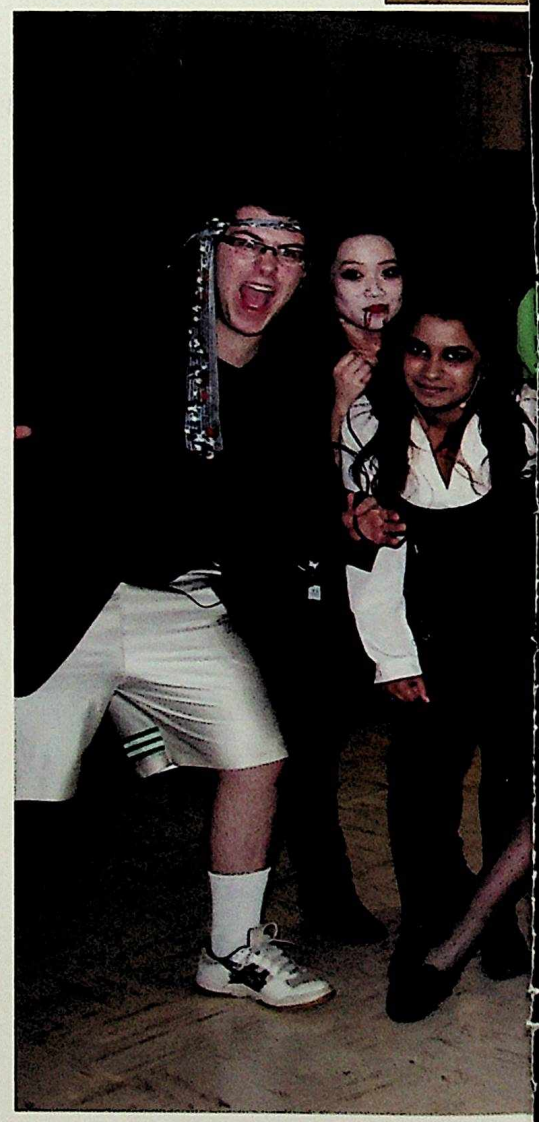
The month of October is a very active time of the year for M.E LaZerte students. We celebrate the academic achievements that students accomplished in the past year, during the annual awards night. A wide range of awards are distributed to all levels of intelligence. Awards night allows us to show that, our school is dedicated to academics as well as having a good time. The students are always focused on doing their best in their classes. They strive for success and because they have the positive attitude, they can achieve their full potential. 61 of our students participated in CIBC's "Run for the Cure", which is an annual event, that is dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research, education and awareness programs.

The senior choral class, presented their own twist on the song "Time Warp" from the original "Rocky Horror Picture Show" in the atrium. The students created their own interpretation of the characters. Students such as Keyana Liber, Christian Wade, and Brittany Redmond sang their hearts out when it came to the solos. All of the class did an incredible job. Students also had the opportunity to join a volleyball team for the October intramurals. The winner of all the student teams then got to play against the teachers. The swim team also had their bake sale to raise money for swim meets. They sold delicious cookies, squares and cupcakes. The month of October showcased the Voyaguers talents and dedication to volunteer.

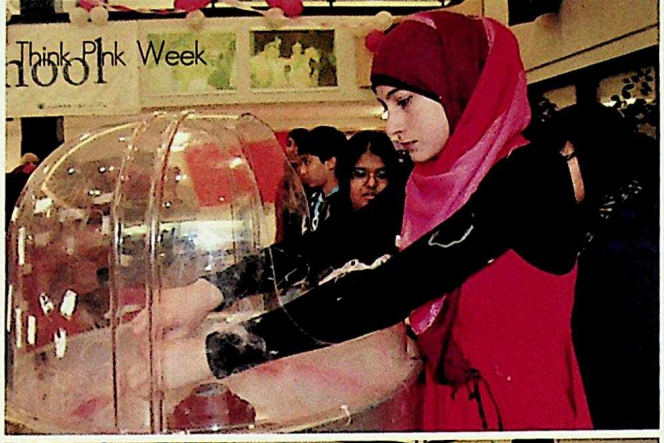
CIBC run for the cure participants



Annual swim team bake sale



Volleyball Intramurals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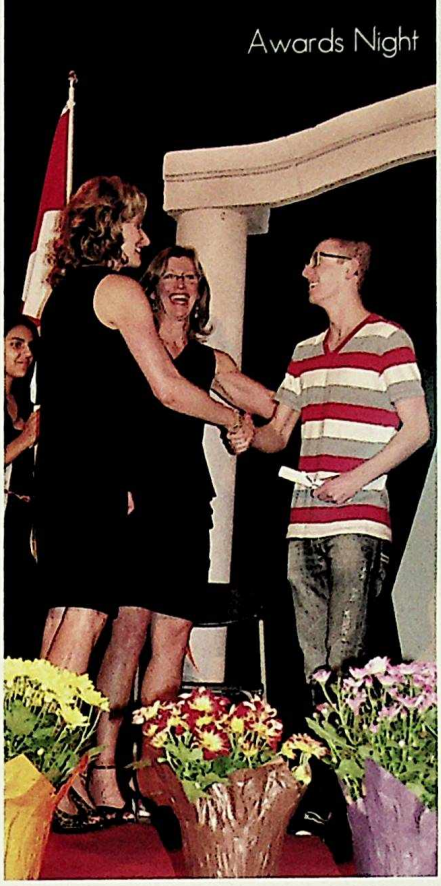
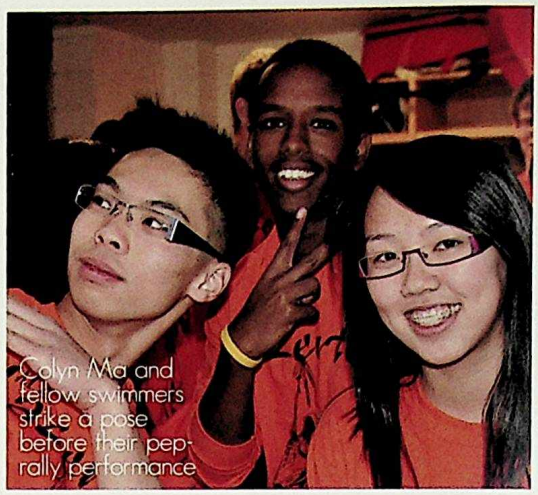

Awards Night

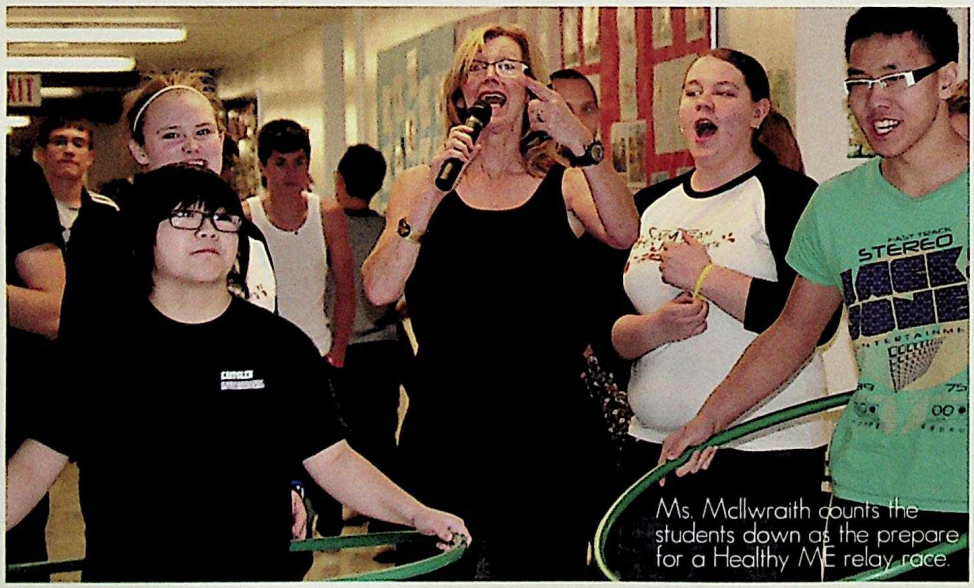
Senior choral class performs Time Warp

Remember November

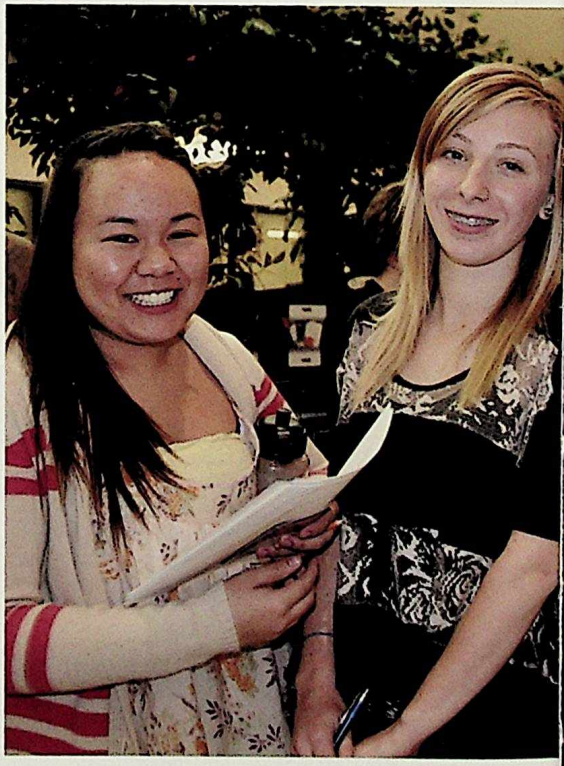
During the month of November M.E. LaZerte hosted a wide variety of activities. In the atrium. We had Mrs. McIlwraith hosting the Healthy ME relay race. Also, were fortunate enough to have a photo booth at lunch which led to many smiles on our special students. In the gym we had our annual pep-rally, where all of our sports teams were represented, and our athletic department was filled with pride. The pep-rally was an amazing day, where students of LaZerte got to learn about their fabulous teams. It was a day enjoyed by each and every student!



Colyn Ma and fellow swimmers strike a pose before their pep-rally performance



Ms. McIlwraith counts the students down as the prepare for a Healthy ME relay race.



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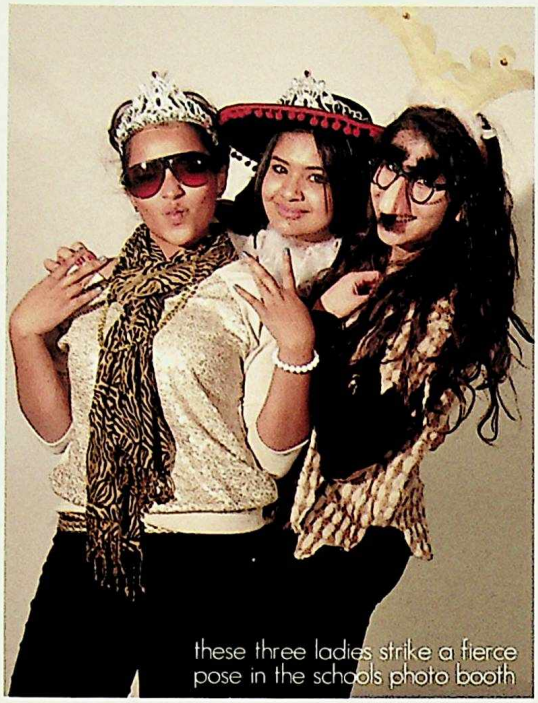
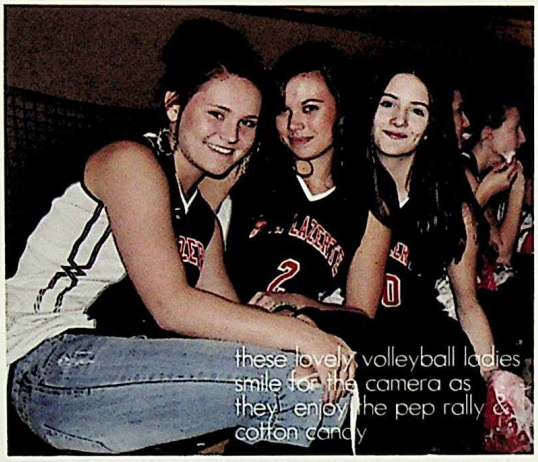
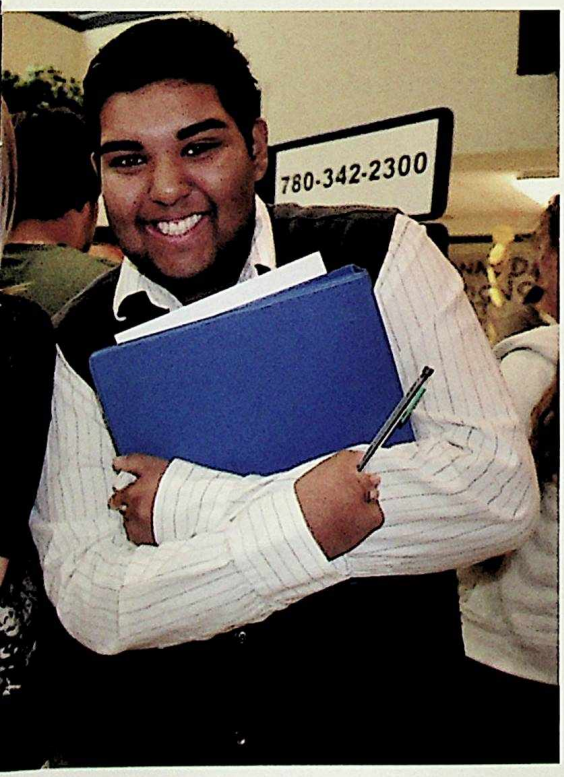
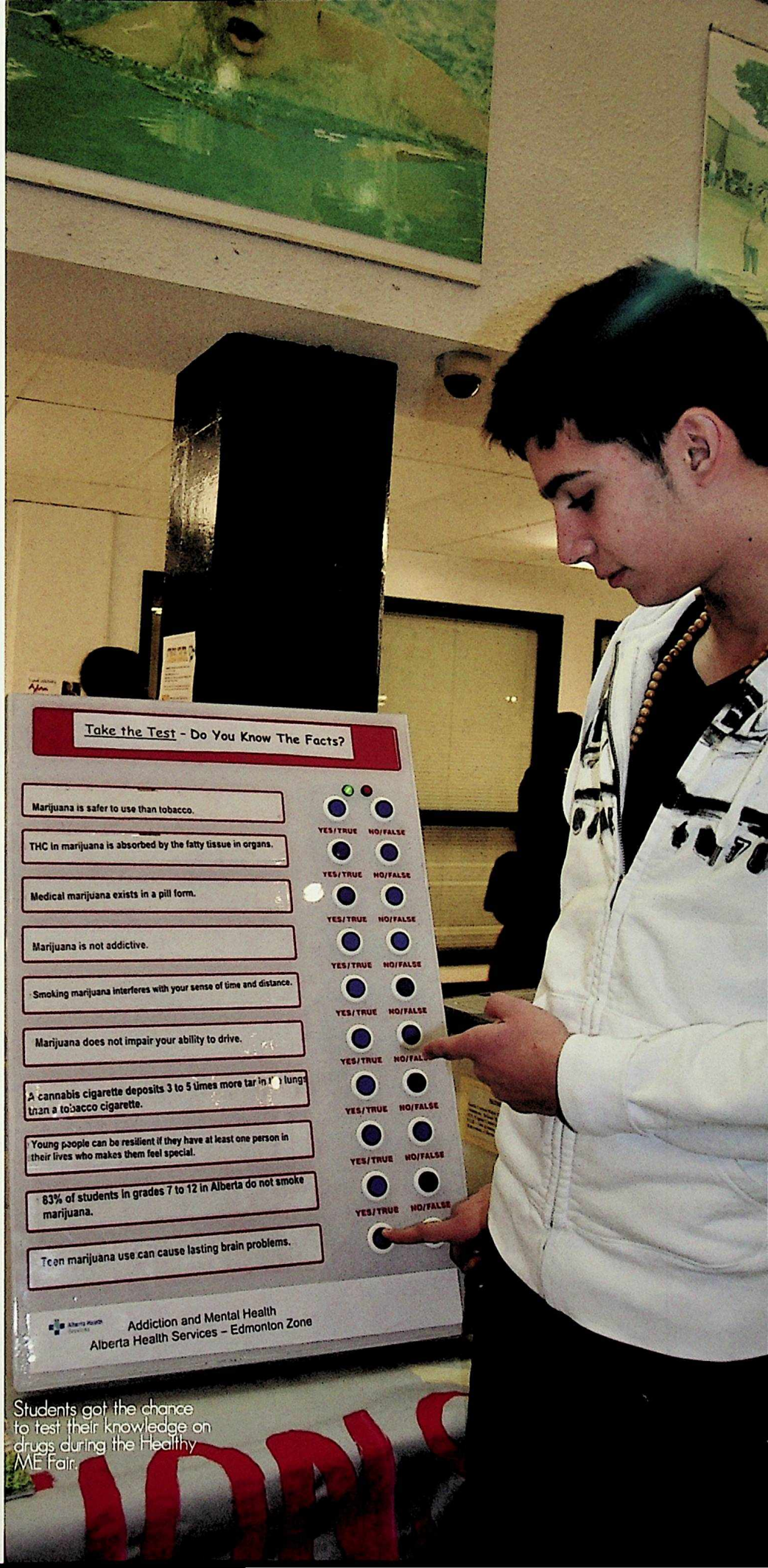


these three ladies strike a fierce pose in the schools photo booth



these lovely volleyball ladies smile for the camera as they enjoy the pep rally & cotton candy



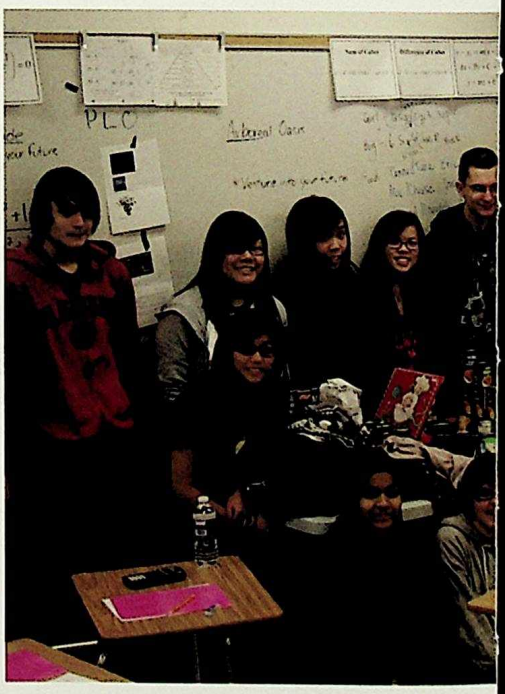


Students got the chance to test their knowledge on drugs during the Healthy ME Fair.

Students & Santa playing
a game of music chairs

The month of December and January is all about helping give back to our community. At Lazerte every year our students come together to donate food a ton to the Helping Hampers Drive to make sure all families have a wonderful holiday season. Our school also puts together a wonderful party called the Inner City Christmas Party which gives children a chance to enjoy Christmas without cost. Winter at LaZerte is always a fun and entertaining time.

Our students love the games our Students Union comes up with for us to play at lunch in our atrium before we break for the holidays. The chugging eggnog competition was very entertaining to see; also watching friends run around with Santa in the atrium playing musical chairs was a great joy. These two months always bring up the wonderful LaZerte spirit that shows how fantastic and generous our students truly are.



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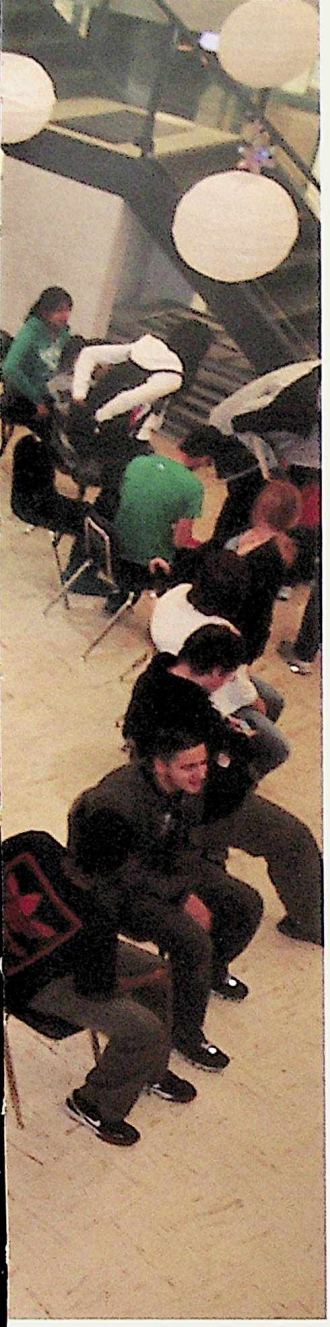

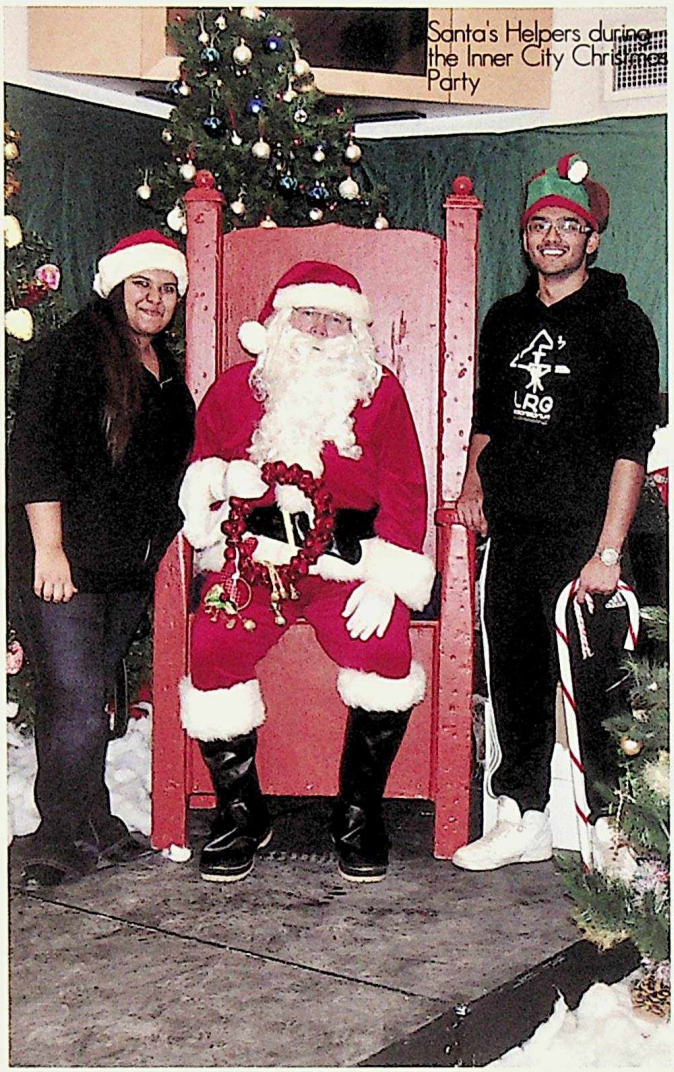

Santa's Helpers during the Inner City Christmas Party

the annual choral christmas concert

Praneet C & his competion during the the eggnog chug

Mrs. Choongs class collected the most items for the Helping Hampers Drive

February

Yousef of FouseyTUBE posing with some of his LaZerte fans!

Omar O.

Jyoti & Pooja P. goofing around during the 30-hour famine

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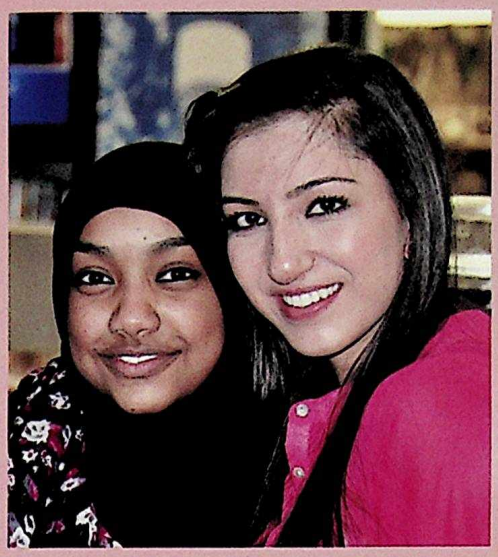
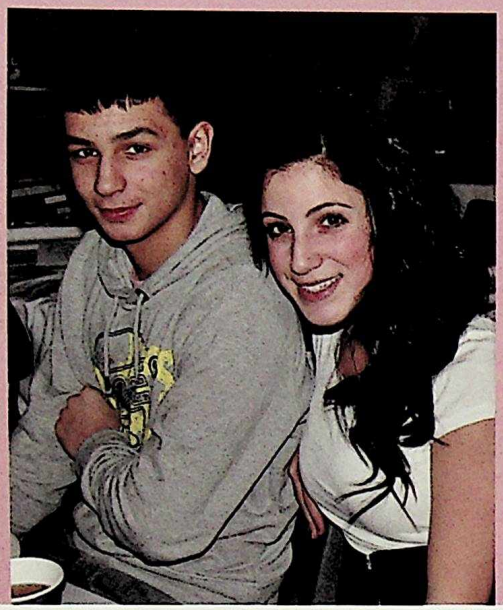
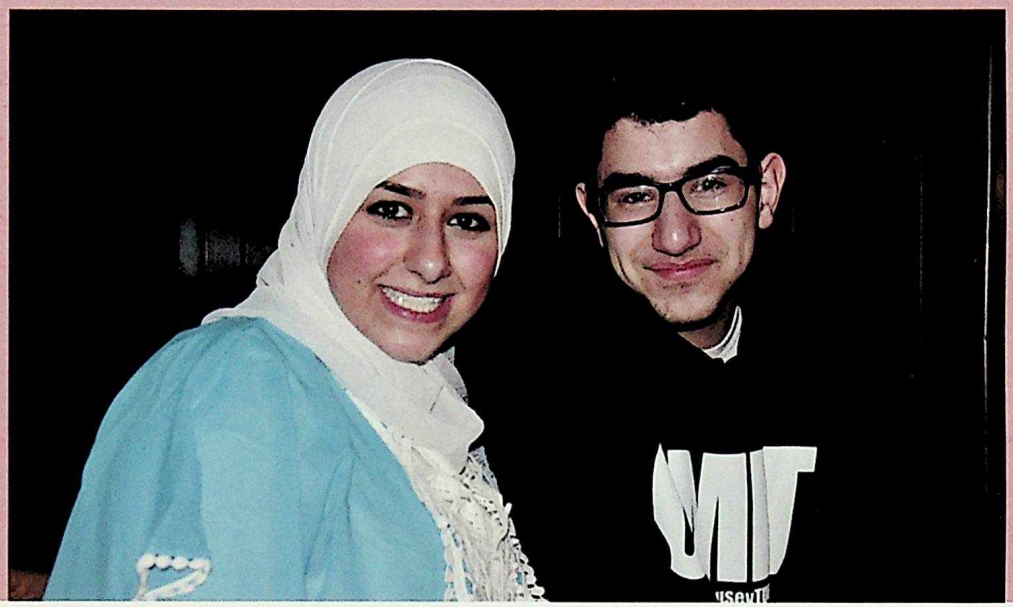
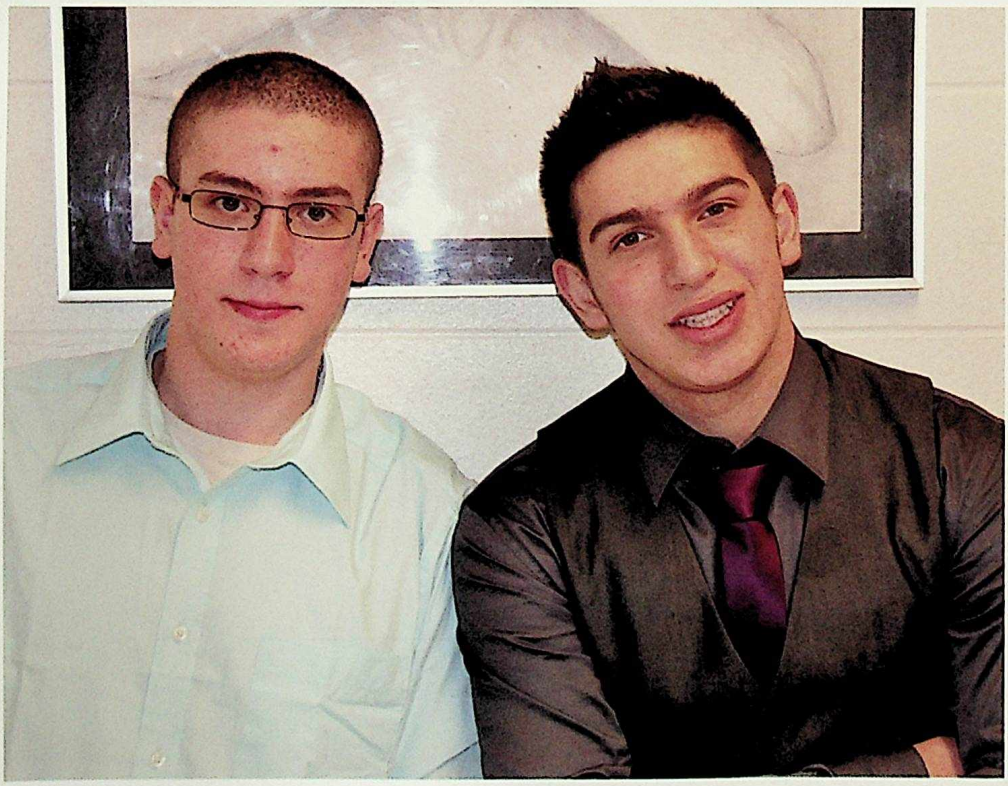
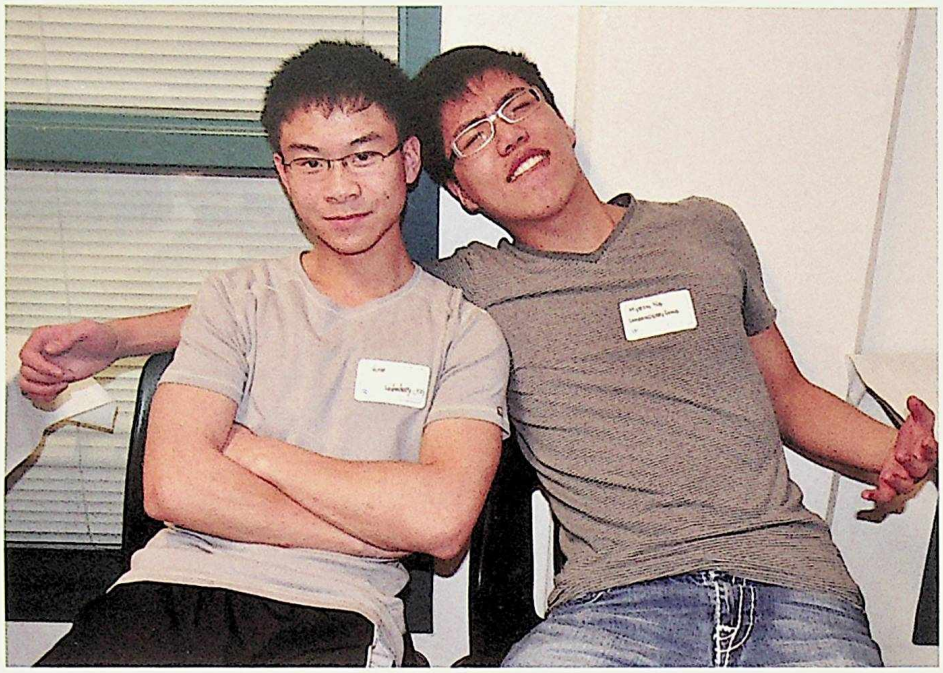


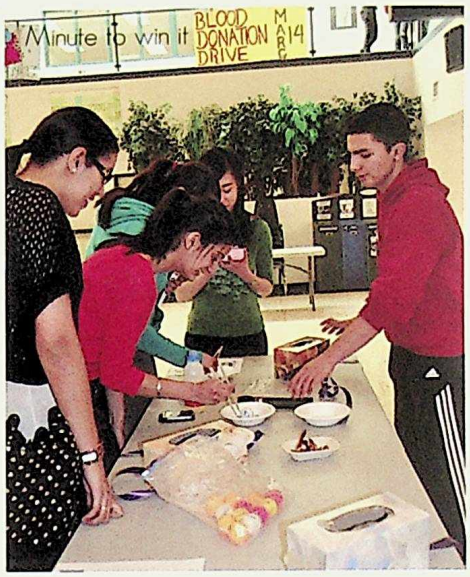




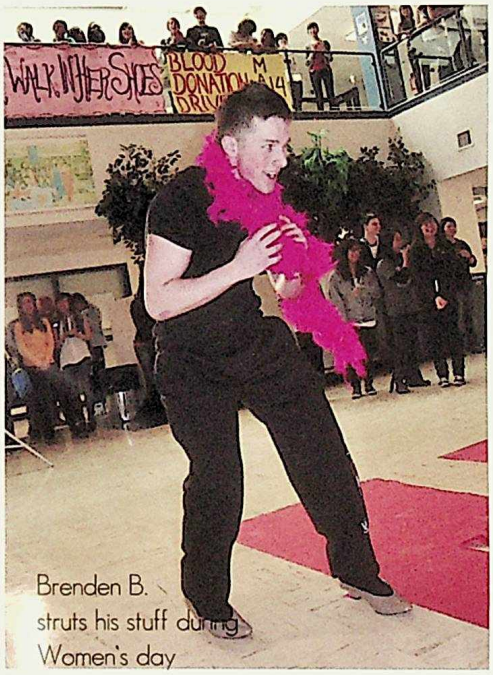


The month of February is affiliated with the international holiday, known as Valentine's Day. However, at M.E LaZerte we experienced more activities than just that, such as a performance by Yousef Erakat from FouseyTUBE, the Thom Elniski Senior basketball tournament, the 30-hour Famine to raise awareness for world poverty, and Lazerte's very own formal Valentine's event. Along with that students had the opportunity to send out Carnation flowers via flower gram to their friends.



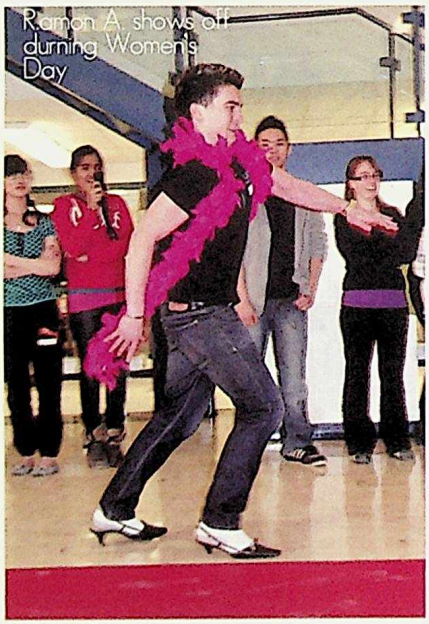


Rat, frog, and cow eye dissection



Brenden B. struts his stuff during Women's day

Ramon A. shows off durning Women's Day



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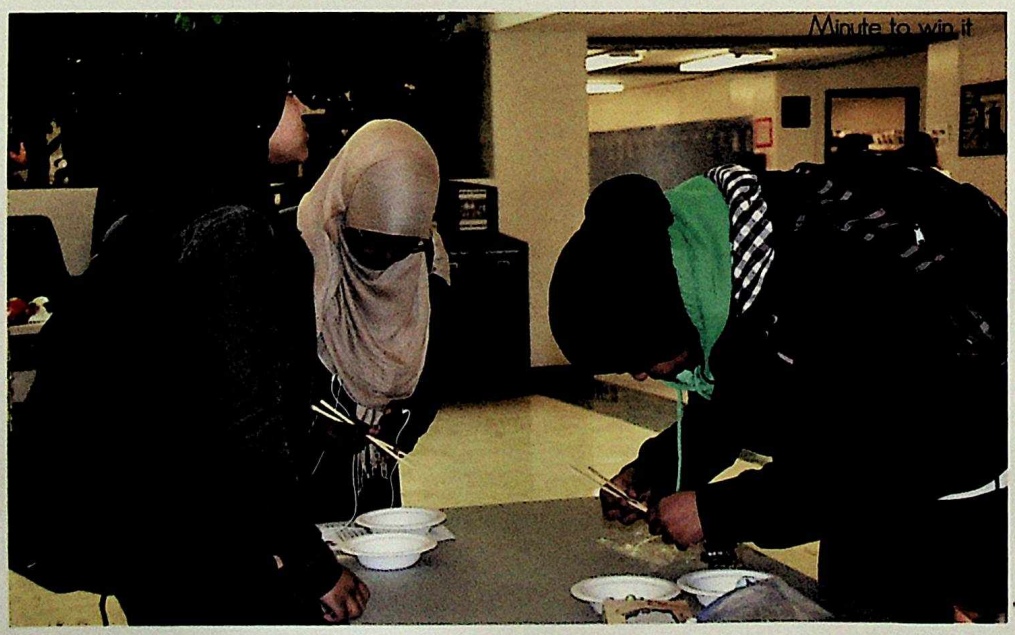
MarchON

March was an important time of the year at LaZerte. We had many events going on, that were quite important. The had their Open House that showed off our amazing school to grade 9's that would soon be entering High school. Each faculty demonstrated the experiences of each course. The guitar class showed off their music skills. The foods deparment allowed guests to sample some of their creations.

Parents & students were pleased with what our school had to offer. Women's day was celebrated at the school. The men of the school, pulled on their heels & strutted their stuff around the atrium. Then the men had to race around the top of the atrium. It was quite a show. As well, students from the Syrian culture, were raising awareness about the on going Civil War in Syria. March was a great time of year to settle down and get serious about events happening in the world around us.

Open House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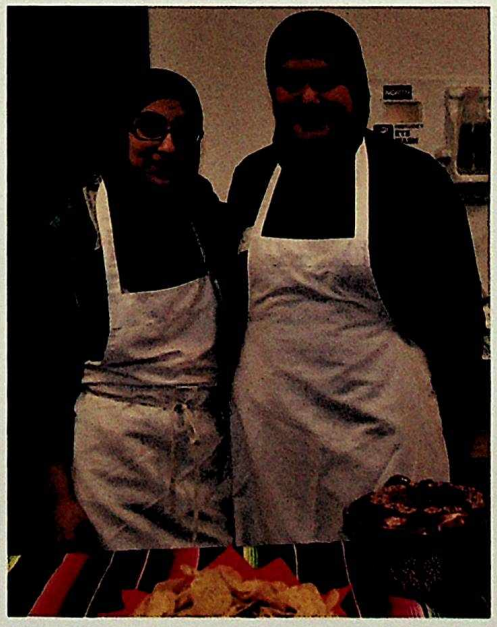


Wander In April

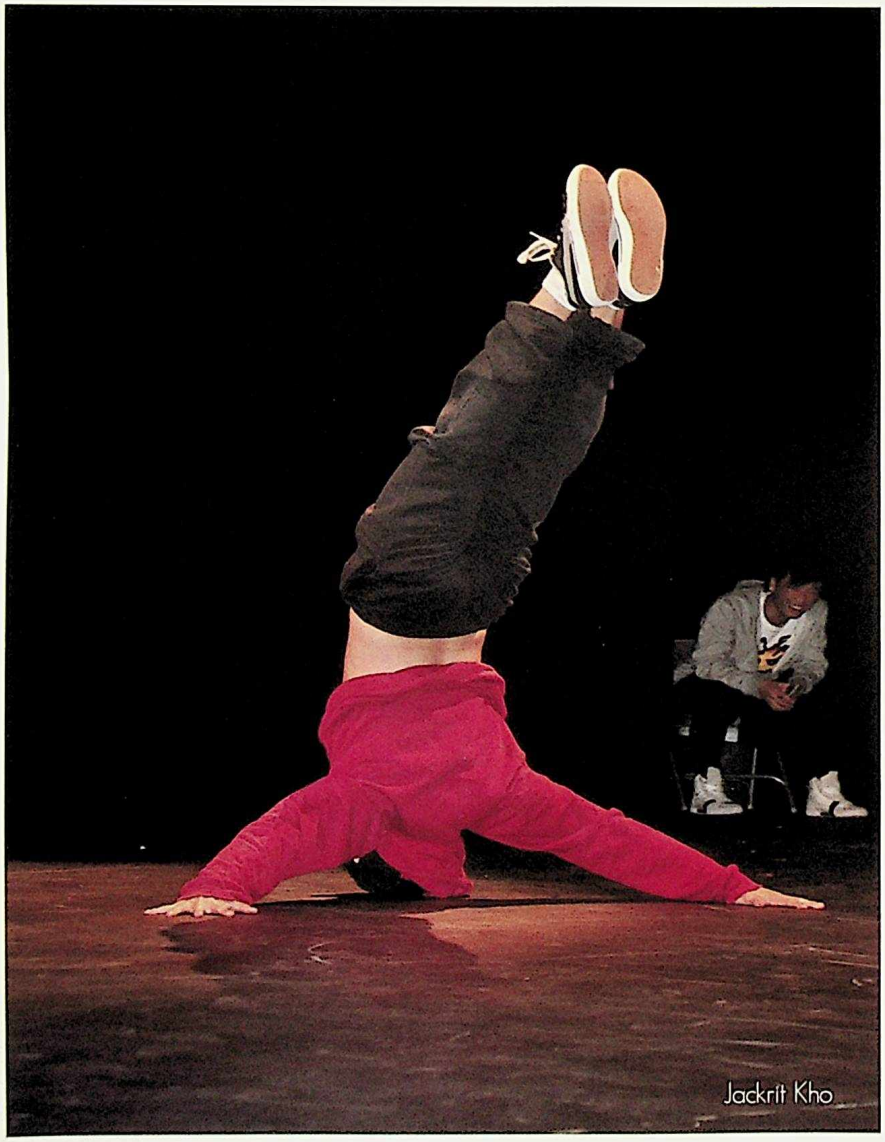
LaZerte had the outstanding opportunity of hosting 13 students and 3 teachers from Ukraine. The Ukraine students followed around our Ukrainian Language students for two days and experienced the differences from each country. They were able to experience different classes, such as foods, construction, and cosmetology. Everyone had a great time. The amazing race also came to LaZerte. The students tripled up with their friends and did a series of physical and mental puzzles. Global Edmonton's Fashion expert, came into the school and shared his knowledge with the fashion students. April was also the month of Taste of Lazerte, where we celebrated the diversity of the school. This month was great to learn from one another.

Taste Of Lazerte Open Ceremonies

Jaime S. & Byllie M. have some fun with Ukrainian visitor

Cosmetology students with Ukrainian visitors

Somalia during Taste Of Lazerte


Jackrit Kho

Fashion lesson

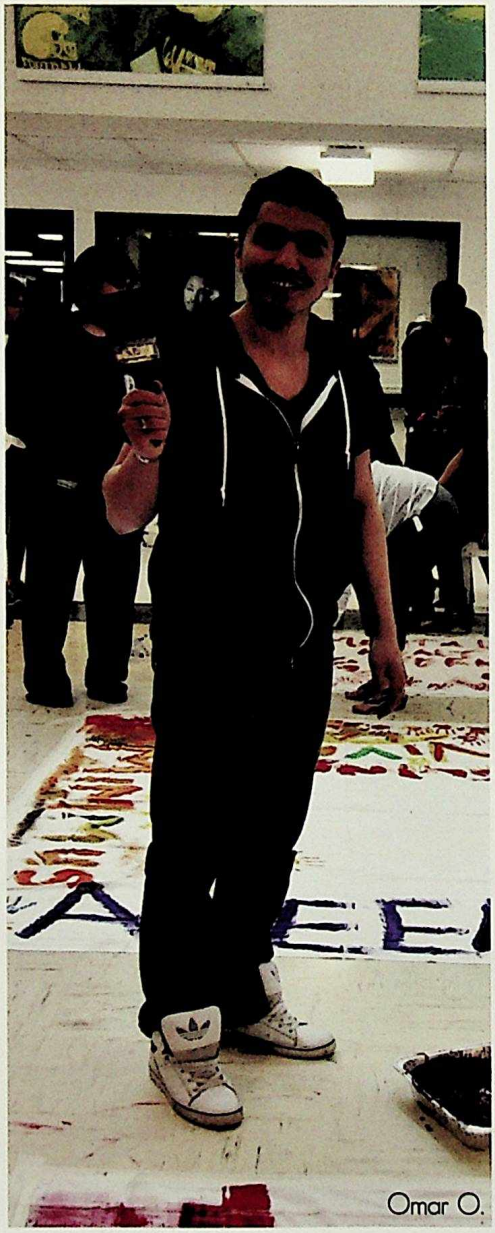
Amazing race

Magic Of May

Near the end of the year at LaZ-erte ,we love to have a little fun before we anchor down to study for finals and diplomas. Every year, a new Students Union president is elected by the votes of our students. It's always an exciting time to see what brilliant and creative ideas the candidates will come up with to get the votes of the students. The two co-presidents that were elected for the 2012 - 2013 school year were Sandra Su & Mohammed Rahall.

Also, we annually host the Axe Extreme Music Fest to give our students a chance to go on stage and show off how musically talented they are. Students created bands had the opportunity to show off their talent. We had many great performances throughout the concert, but the winner of the contest was Gray W.

During May, we also had a week dedicated to mental health. Throughout the week, we had different activities to educate the students on the many types of mental health. The students were able to paint on many canvases in the atrium. They decorated it with a variety of colours and designs. May held a bunch of fun activities that helped students start to wrap up the year.



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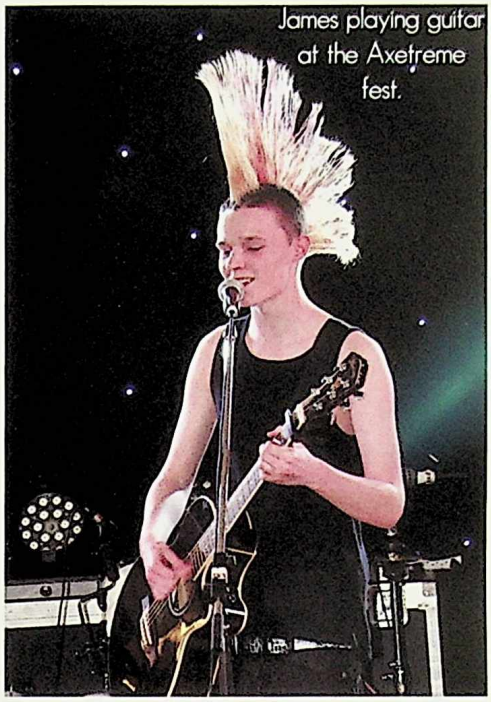
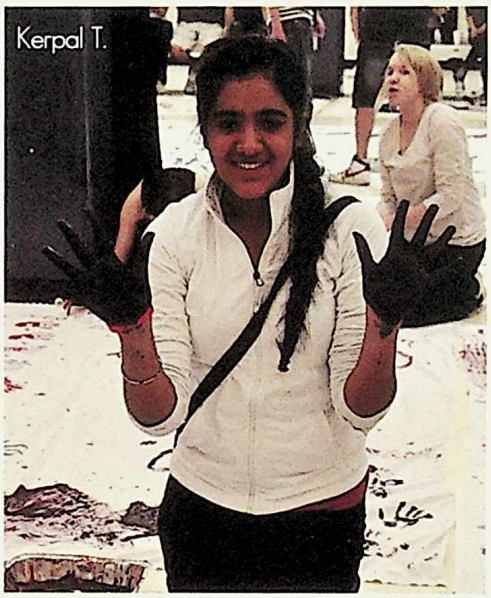
Gavin H and friends at the elections BBQ


James playing guitar at the Axetreme fest.

Christian H. and Christian W. performing at the Axetreme fest.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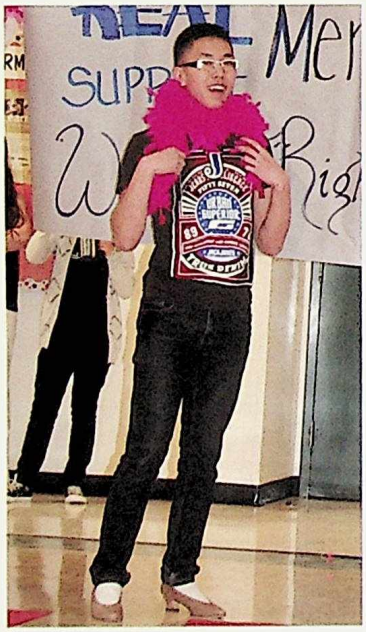

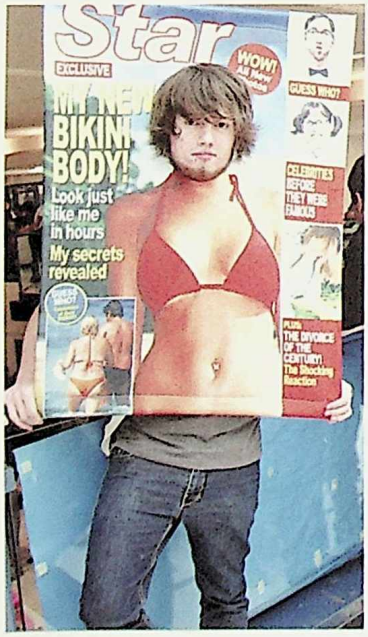
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Look just like me in hours
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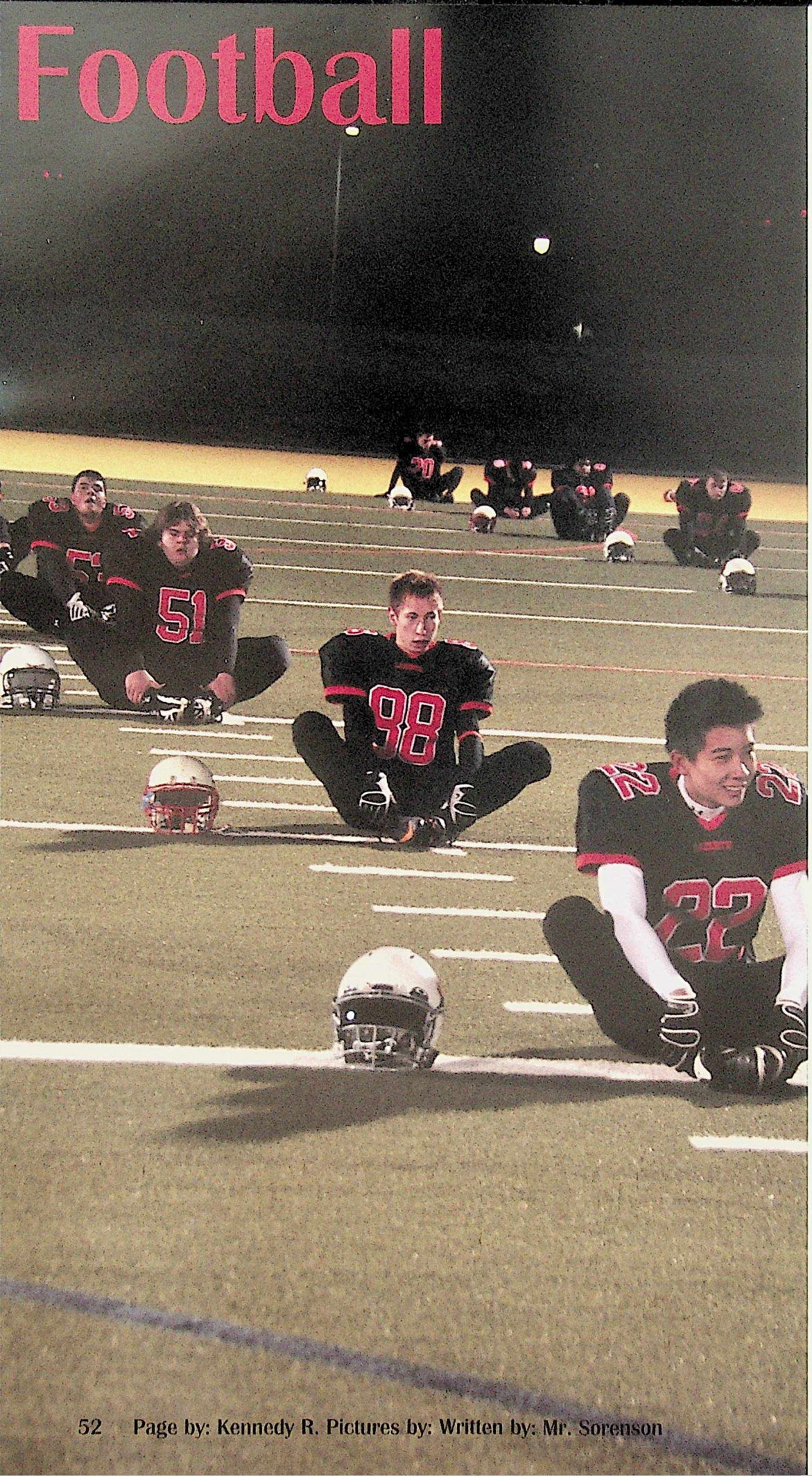

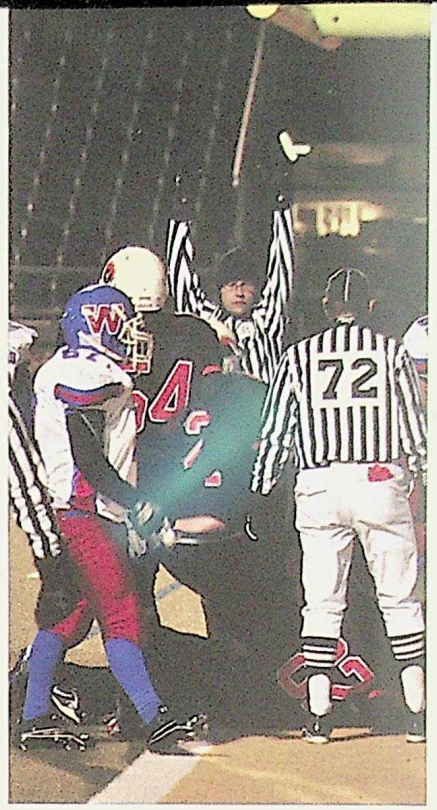

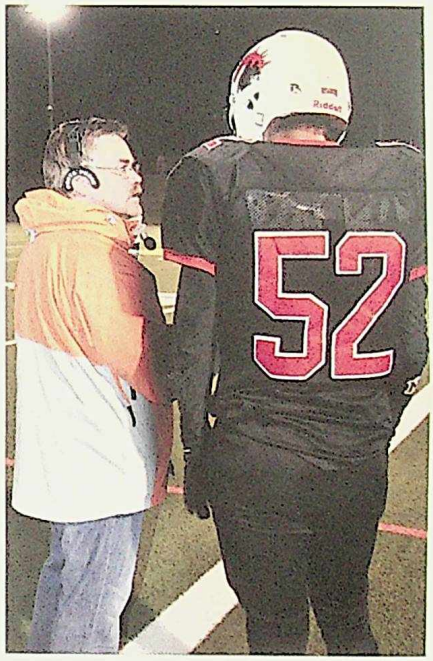

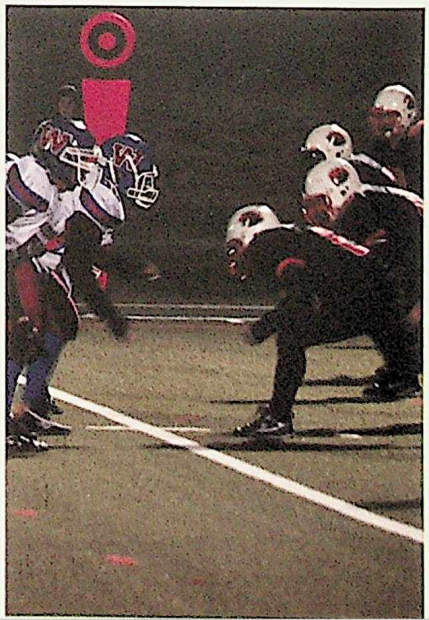

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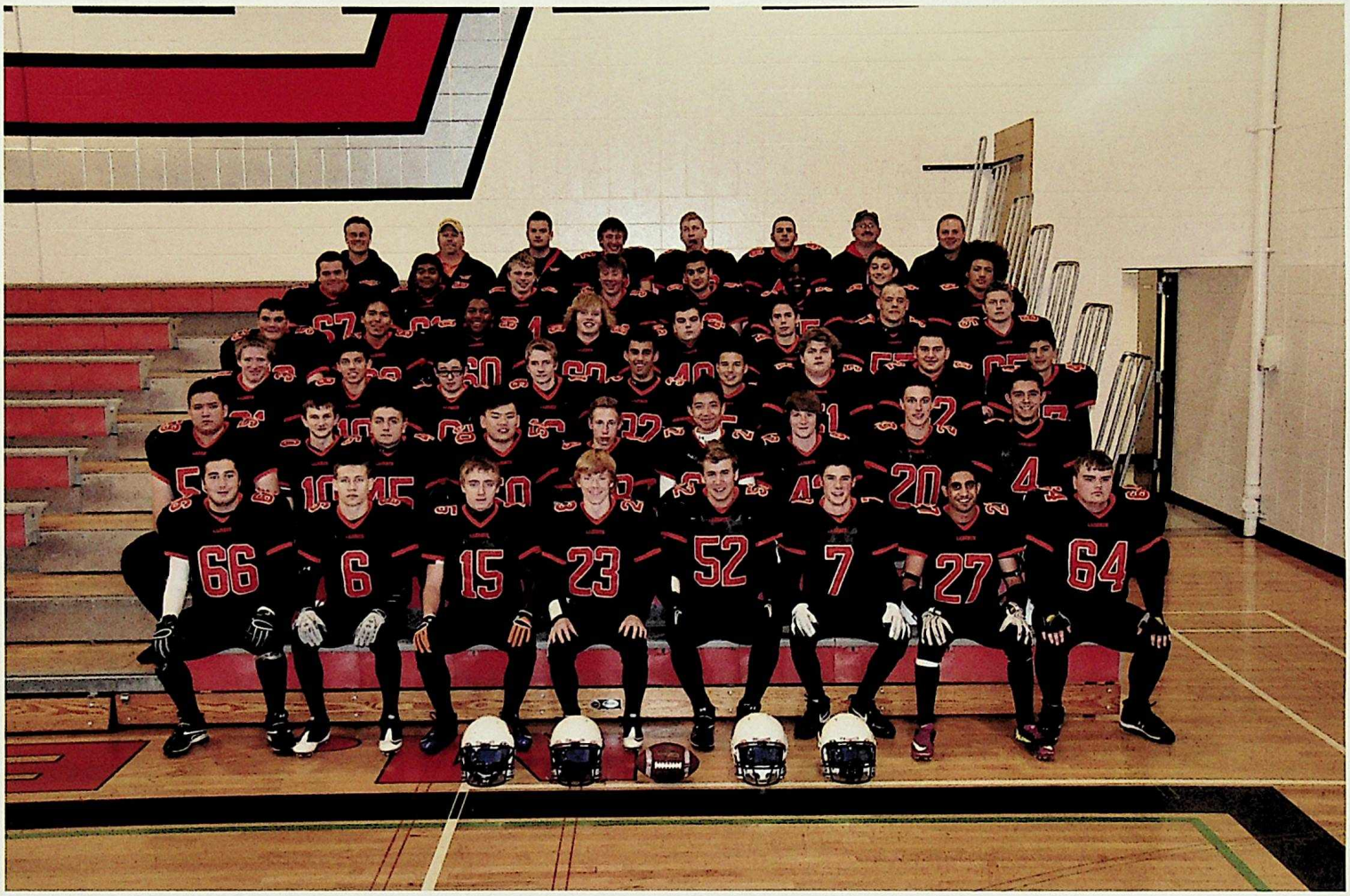
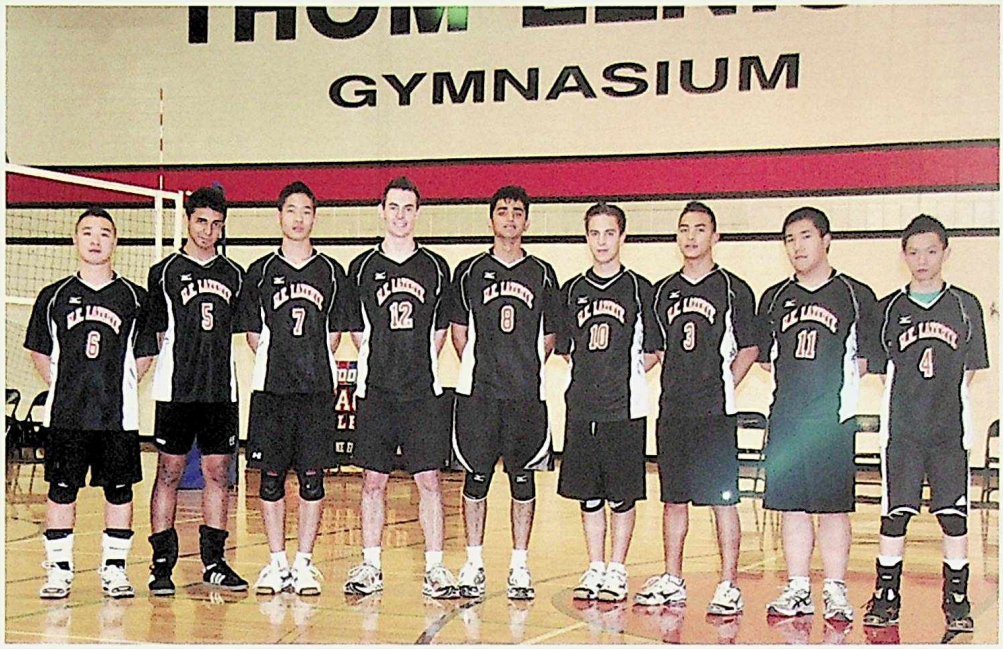


The senior football team had another successful year. The boys finished the regular season with 3 wins and 2 losses but unfortunately lost in their semi final playoff game. All in all it was a very positive year.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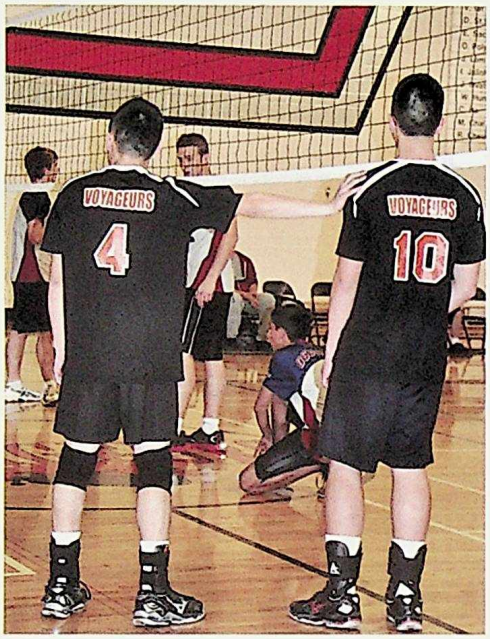
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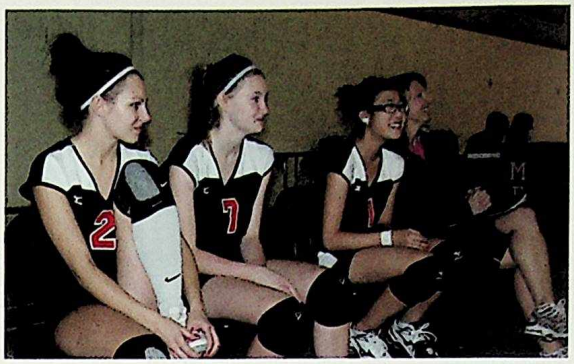
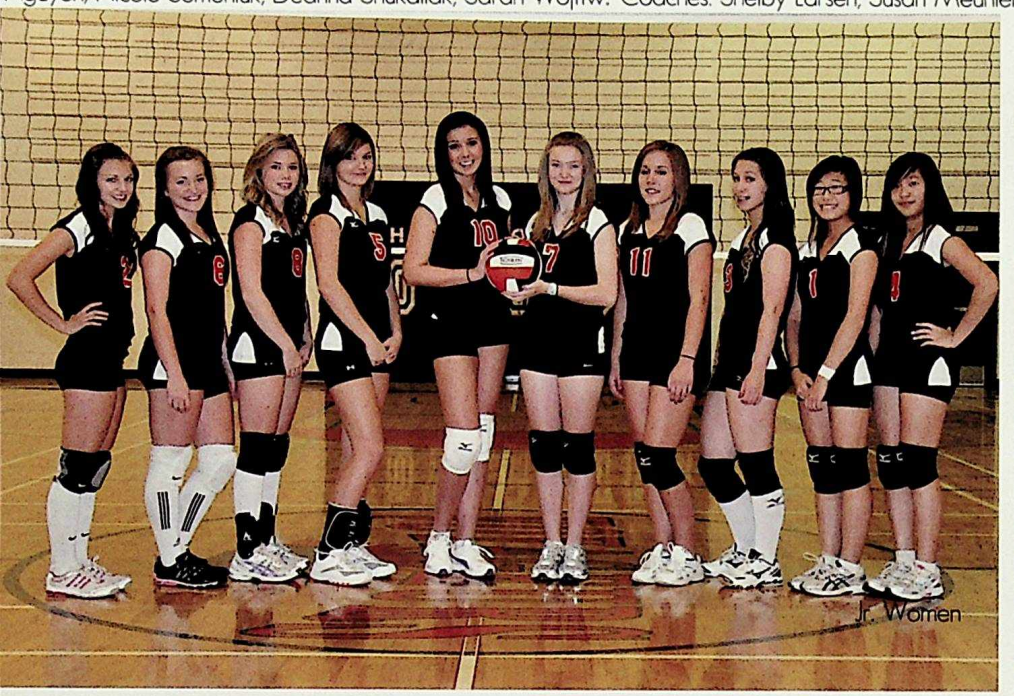
Men's Volleyball

The Junior Women's Volleyball team had a very successful 2011 season. The girls showed commitment and dedication throughout the year and made tremendous improvements. They finished the regular season with an 8-1 record, and made it all the way to the City Finals where they were Silver medalists! Congratulations on a fantastic season ladies!



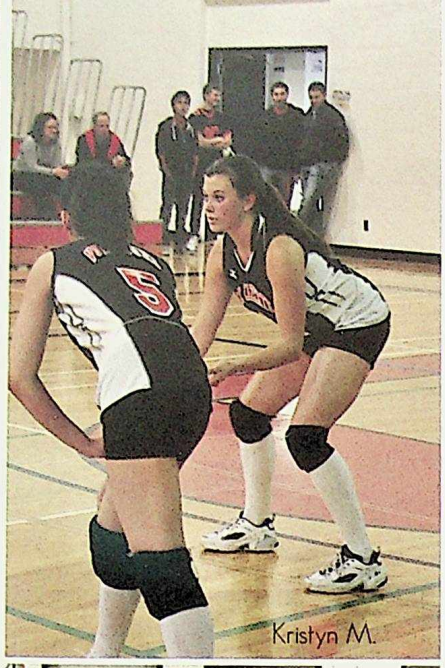
Amanda Bourgouin, Sara Bursey, Vicky Chew, Obuk Khor, Hanna Kuduzovic, Jamie Libin, Christine Nguyen, Nicole Semeniuk, Deanna Shukaliak, Sarah Wojtiw. Coaches: Shelby Larsen, Susan Meunier



Jelena Babic, Grace Eang, Ashley Gawlik, Brooklyn Kazmir , Jennifer Lee, Kristyn Mahoney, An Nguyen, Sarah Petraschuk, Jaime Semotiuk, Cynthia Wong. Coaches: Carissa Watt, Graeme Watt, Josephine Chung

The senior women had a triumphant 2011 season. Their coaches pushed them hard, and allowed them to have a winning attitude. They had passion, determination and their hard workpayed off in the end. The team made it to the City Championships, where they dominated the court!!! In the end the women celebrated with a GOLD medal!! Wait to go Voyagers!!!

Volleyball



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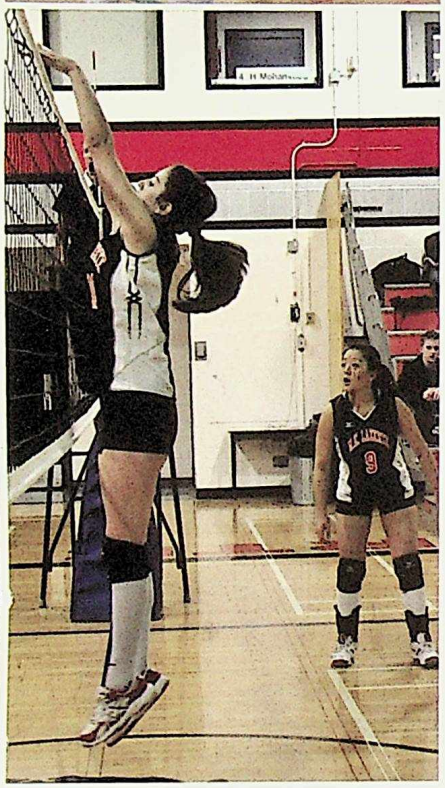

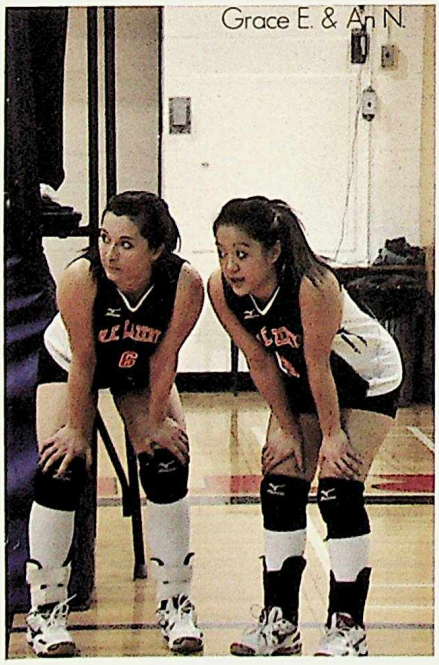

Grace E. & An N.

Swim

It has been an honour to be part of this great team of 70 swimmers, and to be one of the six captains! We moved up to Tier 1 this year and placed second. As individuals we worked hard and as a team worked even harder! This team has the greatest coaches ever and the most team spirit!

We learned to be confident, respectful and to be passionate about swimming!
I love this team!
SWIM TEAM FOR LIFE!
Colyn Ma

Aaron
Alex
Alexzander
Alicia
Amy
Anna
Anthony
Ashley
Belaynesh
Benjamin
Brianna
Brittany C.
Brittany W.
Brooklyn
Candace
Carly
Carmen
Carol
Casey
Cathy
Chelsea
Chris
Christian
Christine
Colyn
Courtney K.
Courtny M.
Daniel
Diana
Eddy
Emily
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Genevieve
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Julina
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Melvin
Merissa
Mirsada
Mohamad H.
Mohammed
Nathan
Petar
Rachel
Ramon
Rebeca
Ruween
Ryley
Samantha M.
Samantha Y.
Sandra
Savannah
Sharon
Stephanie
Sydney
Tanner
Thomas
Vickie
Zak

Wrestling

Chatea Moore
Erikka Ladouceur
Baylee Romph
Amber Simms
Eddy Guan
Tyler Peterson
Sa'ed Al Naji
Alex Sackett
Siyar Mohammad

The wrestling team had a great season in the 2011/2012 school year. The Voyageurs were able to acquire many new LaZerte wrestlers as well as see veterans continue on in the sport. Personal achievement was won by all and many of the newer members showed incredible promise for the years to come. Several of the wrestlers medaled at the city championships and put in great performances in the Provincial championships against some very seasoned opponents. Great work this year wrestlers and good luck in 2012!

Men's basketball

senior mens basketball team

The 2011/2012 M.E. LaZerte Sr. Men's basketball team had a roller coaster season this year. While they started out with strength in numbers, the team slowly developed a strong core with a much smaller group. The team had an early exit from the playoffs, but could be proud that they were closer to beating this year's premier city champions than any other team in Edmonton. As well, they placed 1st place in four out of the five tournaments they entered. What the team can be most proud of is the response that the coaches received from other officials, coaches, and players concerning the guys' positive attitudes and fair play. Hopefully this team can be an example and building block for future M.E. LaZerte champions!

Ahmed A.
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Liban Y.
Hasan
Alex T.
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Jabar M.
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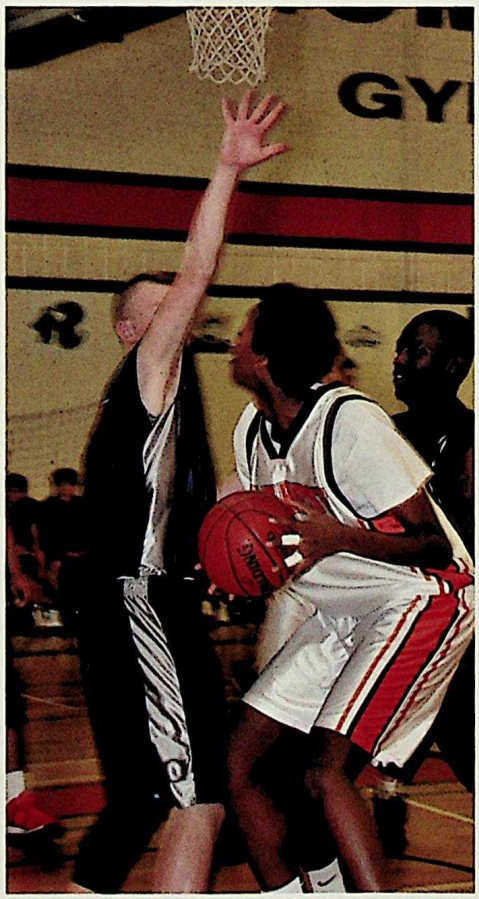
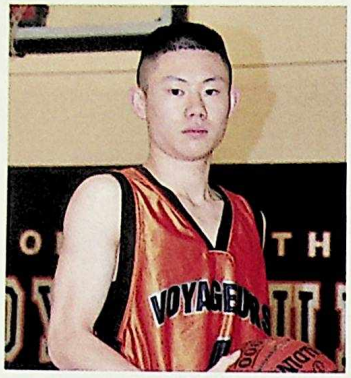
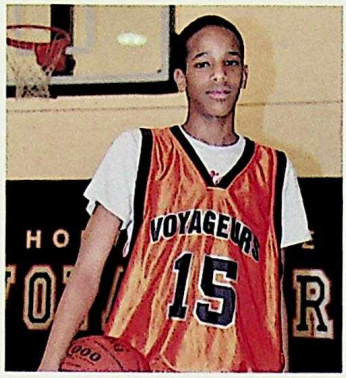
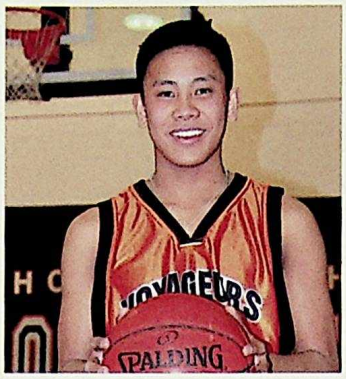
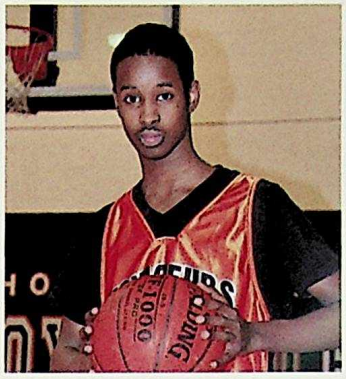
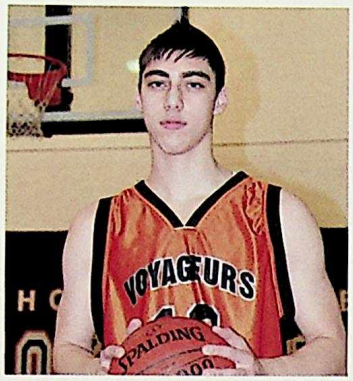
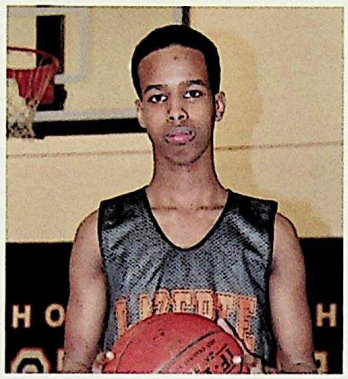
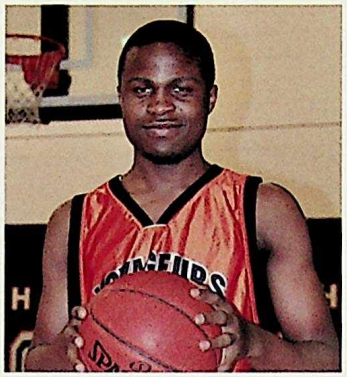
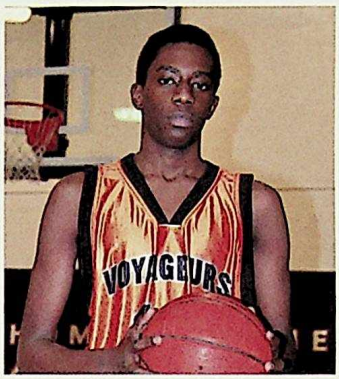
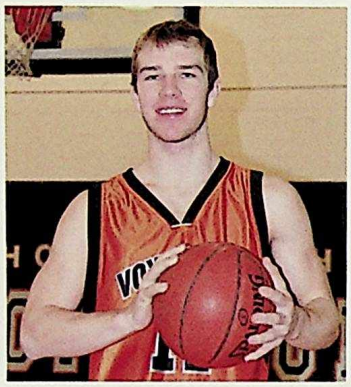
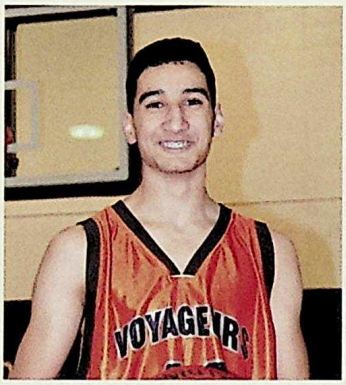
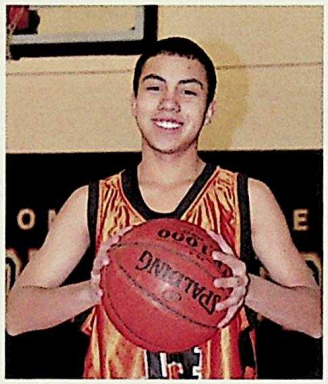
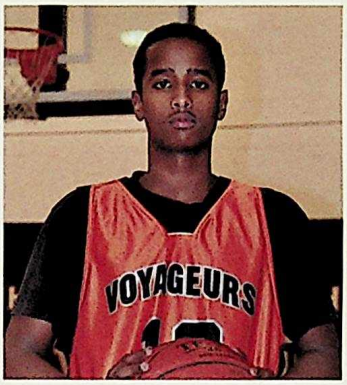
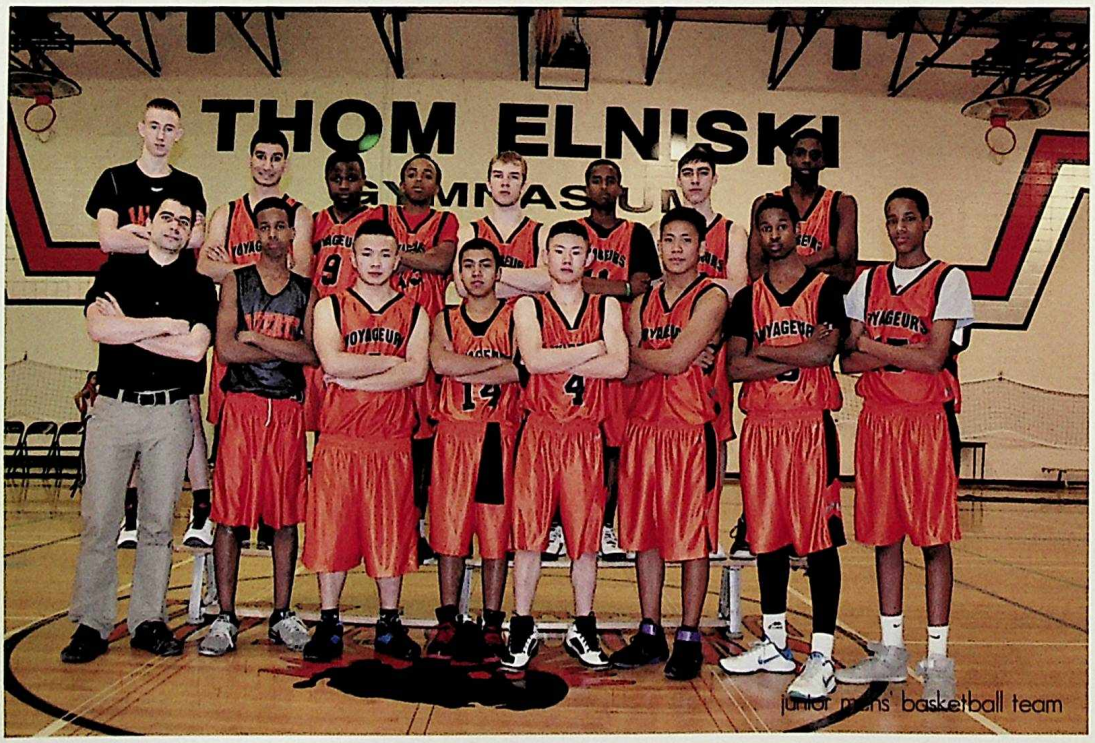


junior mens' basketball team

The 2012 M.E LaZerte Junior Boys Basketball team had a successful season, winning gold medals at the Queen Elizabeth and M.E LaZerte Invitational Tournaments. The team worked very hard, showed tremendous growth and inspiring leadership. Congrats on a great season!

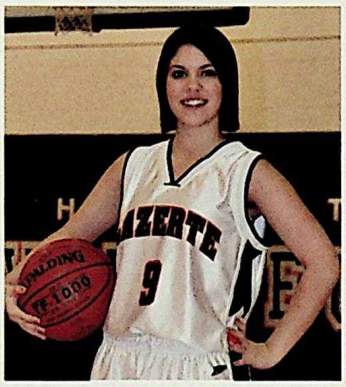
4 Jeff Ma 5'7", Gr. 11, Guard
5 Eugene Saculles 5'9" Gr. 10, Guard
6 Hussein Farah 5'9" Gr. 10, Guard
7 Raymond Cheung 5'8" Gr. 10, Guard
9 Hanad Farah 5'9" Gr. 10, Guard
10 Mohamed Almamoun 6'3" Gr. 11, Post
11 Ranbir Dhesi 6'0 Gr. 10, Post
12 Saeed Al-Taweel 5'11" Gr. 11, Post
13 Ahmed Abdille 5'10" Gr. 10, Guard
14 Cesar Canaca 5'5" Gr. 10, Guard
15 Dominic Slijepcevic 5'10 Gr. 10, Guard
23 Ahmed Hassan 5'10 Gr. 11, Guard
40 Hussein Elbekai 6'2" Gr.10, Post

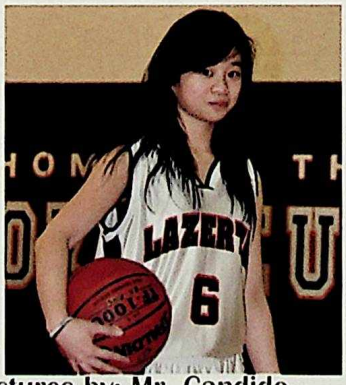
women's basketball

senior womens roster:
Jelena Dzudzelija
Ashley Gawlik
Aleena Hemraj
Kristyn Mahoney
Sasha Omeltchenko
Sarah Petraschuk
Jill Sliwkanich
Laura Sliwkanich
Mikayla Stonehocker
Jessica Vuong
Jenna Wong

senior womens basketball team

The Senior Girl's Basketball team had a fantastic season. They travelled to Victoria, British Columbia to play in the annual Christmas tournament where the played hard and had many great laughs. They came back from the tournament with a goal to get to the city Championship. Their dedication to each other and their slogan to make up for mistakes with out looking back created at atmosphere of success that carried the team through the second half of the season. There was no one leader as different players stepped up every game. They advanced to the City Championship game against Memorial High School because they believed in each other and their abilities on the court. In the final game the score was close until the fourth quarter. The girls were relentless in their pressure on defense and eventually wore down Memorial to win the City Championship. This was a great win that was well deserved by all of the players!





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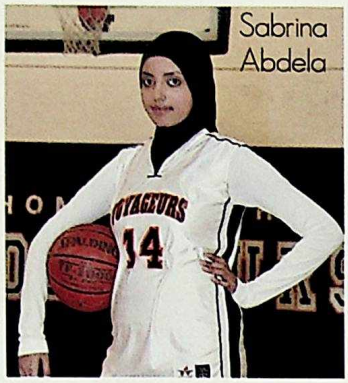
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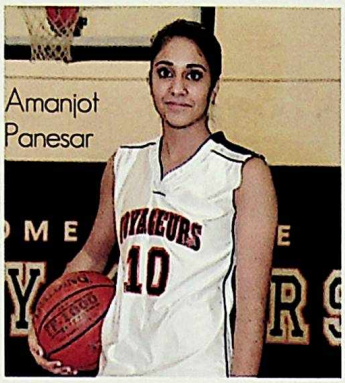
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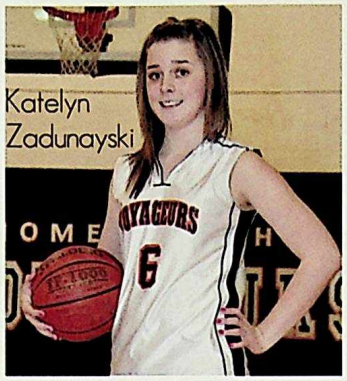
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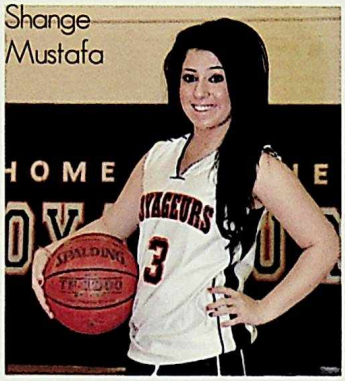
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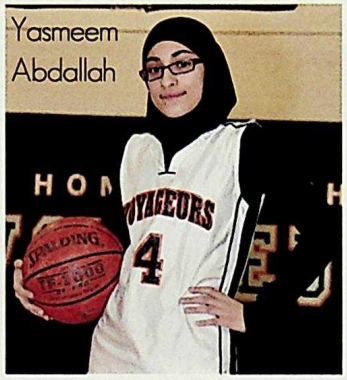
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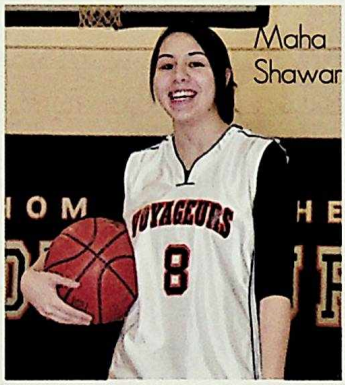
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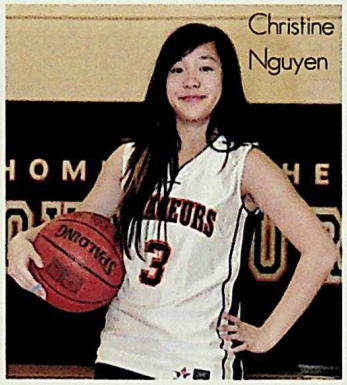
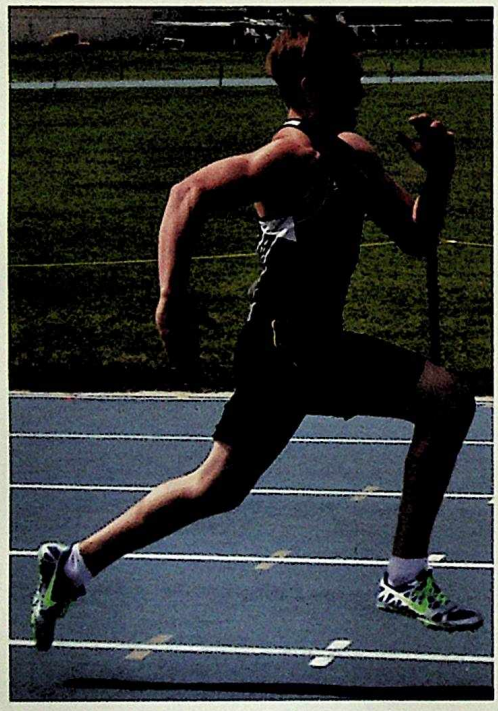

Christine Nguyen

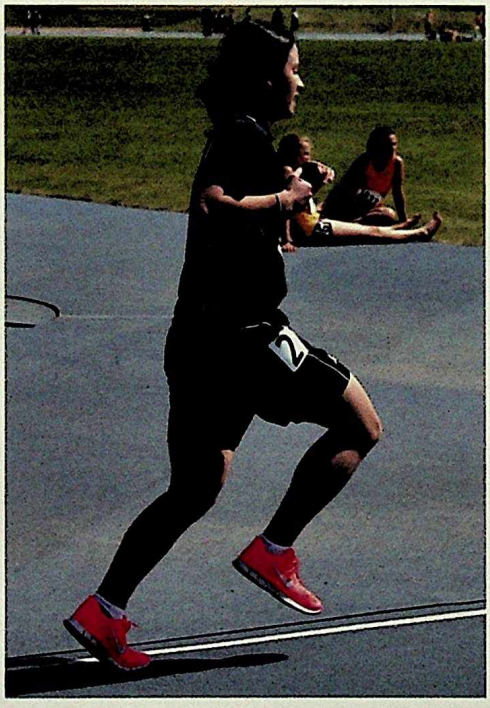
Missing individual picture: Sabina Ceman

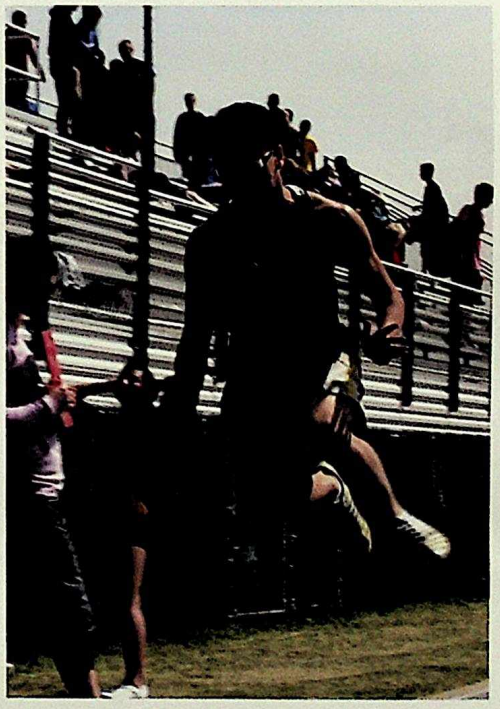
The M.E. LaZerte Junior Girls basketball team put forth a stellar performance in the 2011/2012 season. The entire team worked hard all season long and improved tremendously with each game. After the regular season had ended we were ranked at number 2 behind the W.P. Wagner Warriors. With our last game against the Warriors ending in mere 3 point loss, we knew that we had a strong chance in the playoffs. We had an excellent semi-final game against the J. Percy Page Panthers and moved on to the Division 2 finals against the Warriors. Unfortunately we came up just short and took home the silver medals. We are all looking forward to next year as we hope to build on our great season. Well done Voyageurs!

junior womens basketball team

Track and Field







The school track and field team had another great year. There were some outstanding performances at the divisional meet and four athletes made it to the city finals.A highlight of the season was Veon McCalla's 200 metre, silver medal performance at the provincial meet. Congratulations Veon!

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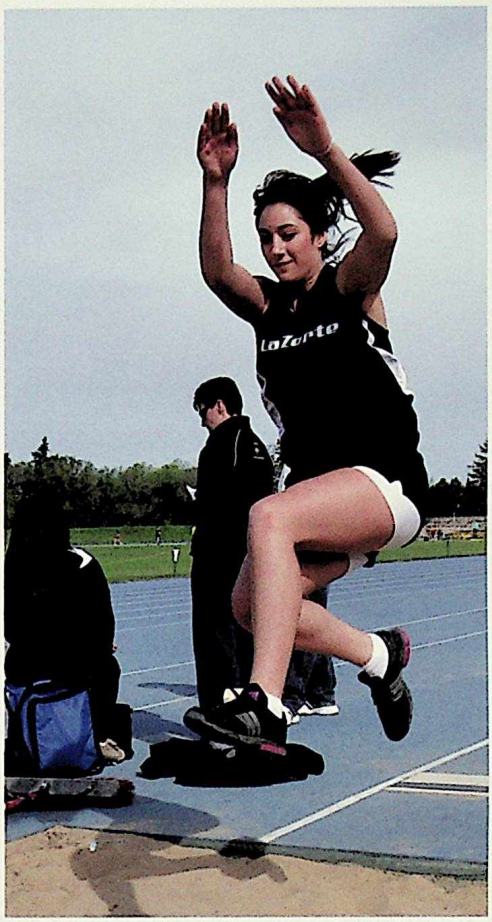
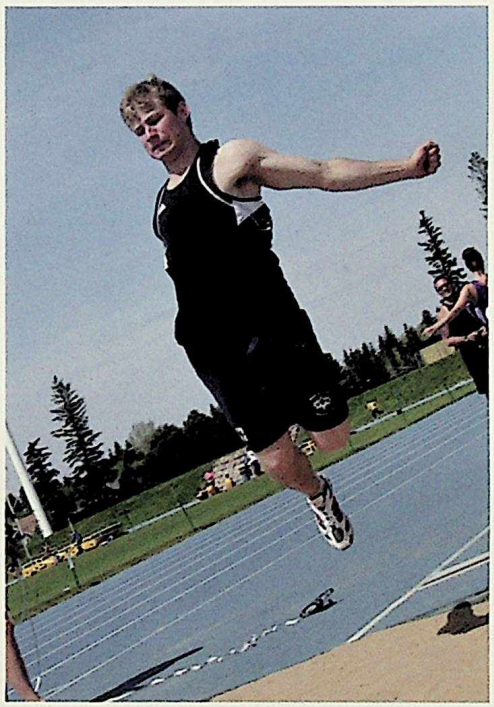




Alec Au
Jared Boyle
Megan Champagne
Thomas Chee
Carmen Choo
Michelle Dao
Eddy Guan
Jennifer Guan

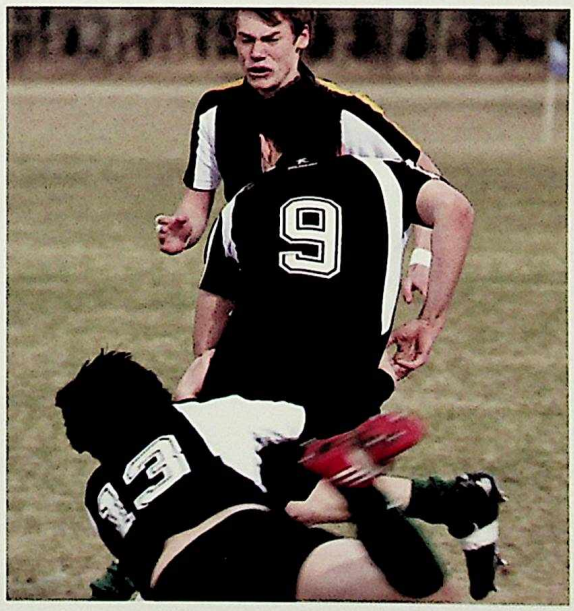
Dalila Halabi
Alex Karatairis
Lesley Koopman
Brandon Kwan
Huisun Lau
Noelle Lin
Justin Low
Colyn Ma

Veon McCalla
Michael Melymick
Thuyley Nguyen
Alva Pan
Grant Sondergren
Christine Than
Carmen Tsao
Edward Wen

Cynthia Wong
Mandy Yee
Anita Yee
Benjamin Yeung

Men's Rugby

This year, the men combined the LaZerte rugby team with Queen Elizabeth Knights and together they dominated the field. The men had an incredible season. We are pleased that they showed their Voyageur spirit, pride and commitment.



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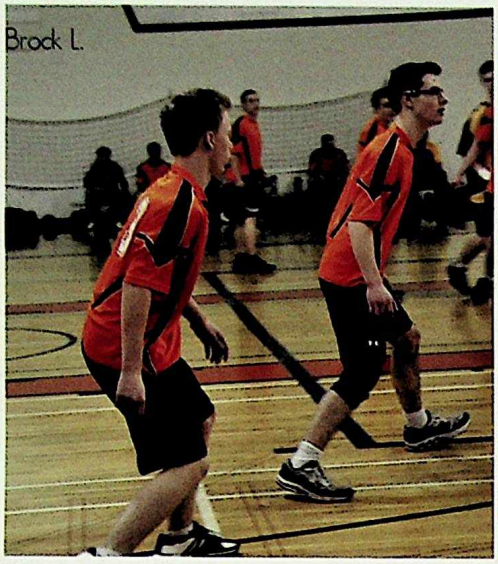
Although the women's rugby team was full of many new faces this year, the team lead by the veteran players, worked extremely hard. The ladies worked extremely hard, and had a great season overall. The team competed very well in the Ross Shep Thunderbird Invitational Tournament during the 4th and 5th of May. They also did extremely well during the regular season and playoff matches. We are definitely looking forward to the upcoming season!

Women's Rugby

Handball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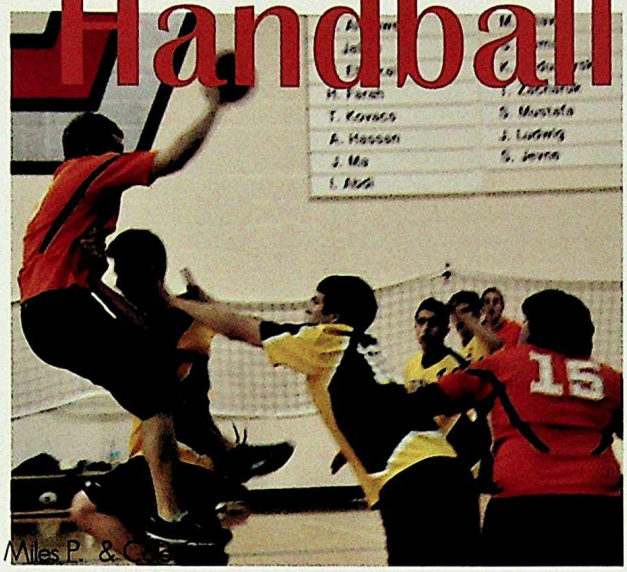
Miles P. & Co

Jared B.

Miles P.

Kyle P.

Men's handball was welcomed to M.E LaZerte's athletics. They had a terrific season. They made many improvements throughout the season, and were able to move the ball around with ease. All of the players made incredible plays, goals and saves. We are very please to add them to the LaZerte athletic teams.

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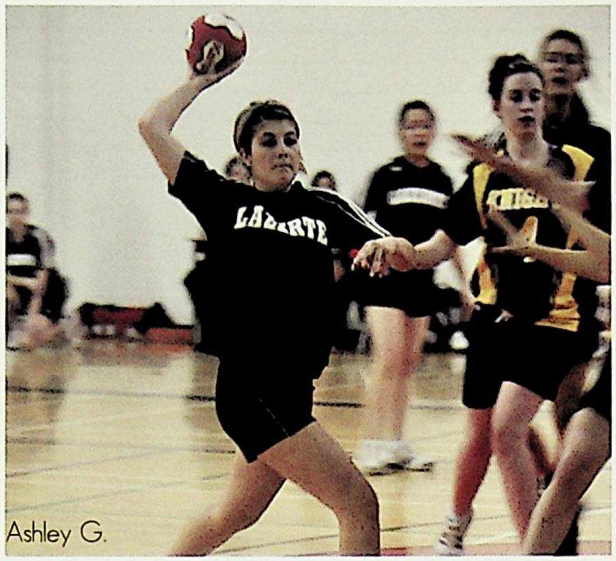
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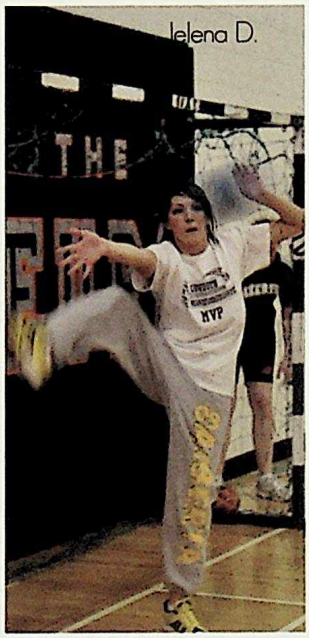
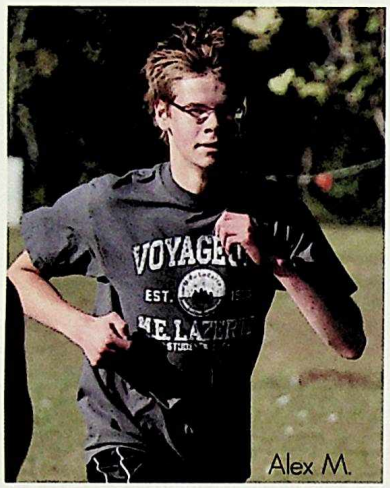
Jill S.


Jelena D.

Laura S.

The girls handball team had a great year full of improvements and dedication. The girls grew as a team throughout the season and proved to competitors that they were strong and determined to be undefeated. The coaches of the team are very proud and are very honored to have coached such an amazing group of girls. We would like to wish each and everyone of them luck on their journeys in the future. May they have large amounts of success and an incredible journey in their lives.



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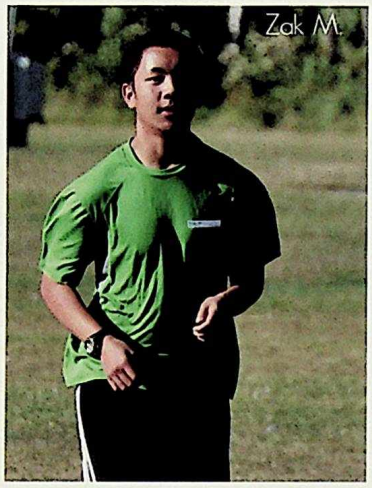

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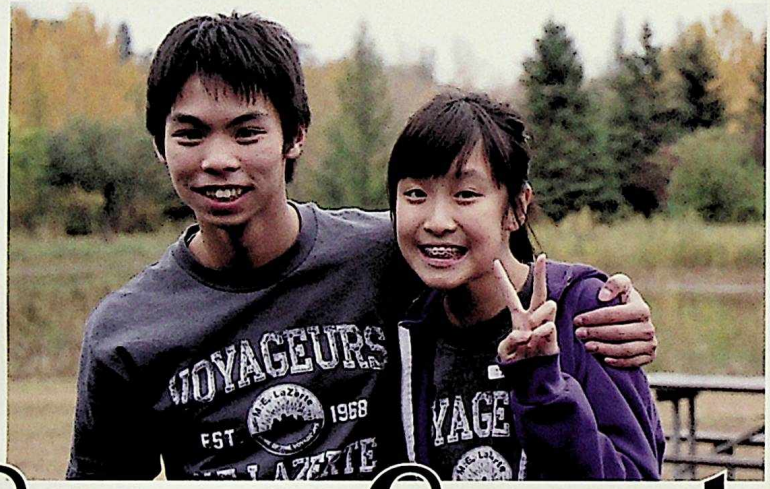
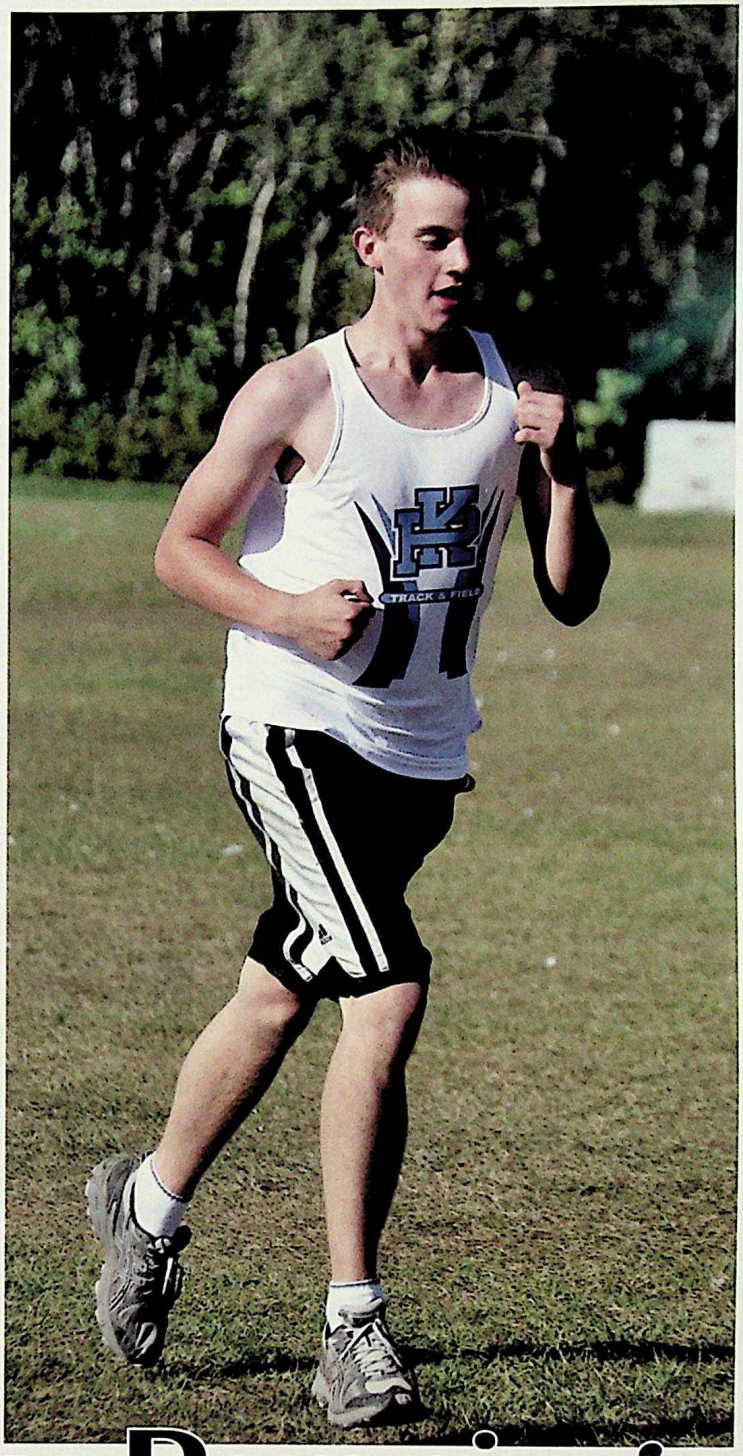




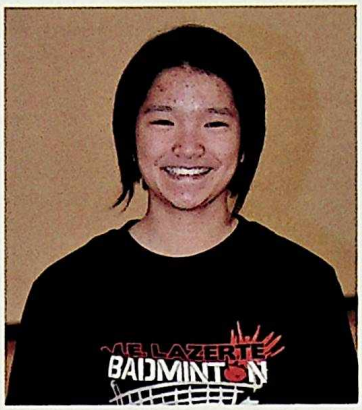
Cross Country Running

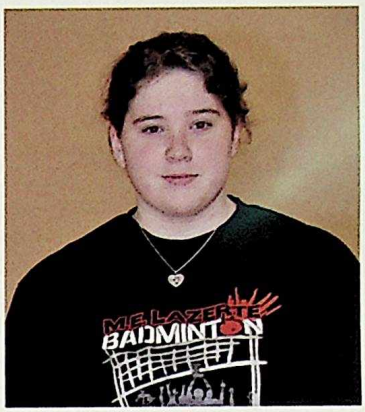
This year's Cross-Country Running team tripled in size from last year! Lesley Koopman and Anwar Abdi competed at the Provincial Championship in Cypress Hills and Wendy Truong earned a bronze medal at the CAPHER final. Congratulations to an amazing team of outstanding athletes.

Anwar Abdi
Simon Chau
Thomas Chee
Jessica Gonzalez
Lesley Koopman
Brandon Kwan
Huisun Lau
Kevin Lim
Colyn Ma
Caileigh MacIsaac
Zakary Mah
Alex McOrmond
Amanveer Pandher
Derek Thomas
Jeanette Trac
Tracey Tran
Wendy Truong
Emily Wu

Badminton

Being it my first year coaching high school badminton and the large number of students interested in playing (over 25) to choosing a team roster of only 16 was a very difficult one. But those who were chosen to be on the school team showed dedication, hard work, raw talent, and the Voyageur spirit. The students competed to the best of their ability and show sportsmanship at every competition. We finished 3rd place in the city standings where we made a good push to make city playoffs only missing it by 2 points. We had a strong representation at provincial preliminaries in all categories, where Girls Singles player, Jenna Wong, won 2nd place at the provincial finals held in Gremshaw May 4, 2012.





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Ian Chin
Sandra Cheung
Carol Chu
Mecca Gong
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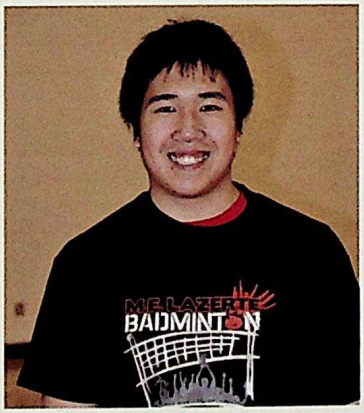
Quentine Troung
Cynthia Wong
Jenna Wong
Amanda Wylie



Indoor Soccer

The always competitive indoor soccer team, had another amazing year. As always, the team had amazing talent. The ladies, were a force to be reckoned with and had significant influence during the games.

Each player worked extremely hard and were passionate about the game. The team wore the school colours with pride and showed the spirit that our school has.

Paul Brumsey
Brenden Brown
Eshnarl Chand
Shanai Chalifoux
Shayla Chalifoux
Dakota Delaney
Ali El-Khatib
Katie Eliuk
Beytullah Inekci
Jessie Isberg
Osman Kamara
Sydney Kosmin
Brian Lardner
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Meagan Mack
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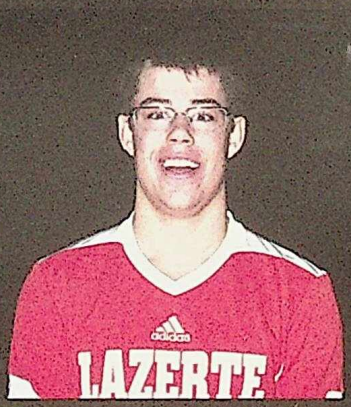
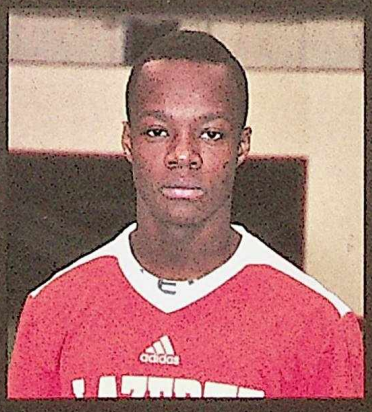
Godfrey Tshimbuyanga





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Outdoor

Jay Abbasi, Ibrahem Abdelmalek, Hasan Al Ghanim, Paul Brumsey, Dakota Delaney, Ali El-Khatib, Wehale Hassan, Osman Kamara, Marvin Kimanje, Ahmad Madar, Foday Mansaray, Masih Mohammad, Ramid Nazari, TJ Tanen, Ehab Teliani, Godfrey Tshimbuyanga, Shamez Walji

Senior Men

The outdoor soccer season was one that had many ups and downs. We won some key games but lost some as well. For the most part it was a season where we gained a lot of experience and for the first time in many seasons we failed to make it to the semifinals. As we struggled through the season we did manage to come together as a team and faced the adversity as proud voyageurs.

The Junior Boy's Soccer team enjoyed a very successful season. They began with a number of wins against traditionally strong schools and showed the league they were a force to be reckoned with. Entering the playoffs, the boys had to deal with a number of injuries and issues and unfortunately lost a nail biter in the semi finals to a very strong Strathcona squad. Congratulations to all the team members.

Junior Men

Ramon Armas Otero, Ryan Bentley, Ahmed Denny, Daniel Derewlanka, Michael Durodola, Cephas Gboway, Bilal Hawa, Estevan Hernandez, Bojan Ilic, Gaston Kalala, Bryan Lao, Brian Lardner, Elias Mohammad, Muni Mohamud, Omar Mrkonjic, Austin Murphy, Omar Saleh, Luka Sasic, Darien Yakimchuk

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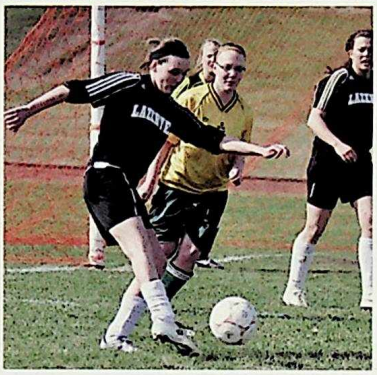
Soccer

Jasmeen Ali-Mohammed, Leila Awada, Shania Chalifoux, Shayla Chalifoux, Brianna Clark, Katie Eliuk, Juleen Fattah, Alanna Gaureletz, Ashley Gawlik, Vanessa Hamieh, Aleena Hemraj, Erin Hughes, Jessie Isberg, Karey Lubkey, Megan Mack, Kristyn Mahoney, Justina Paradis, Sarah Petraschuk, Maha Shawar, Deanna Shukaliak,Jill Sliwkanich, Laura Sliwkanich

The Senior Women's soccer team had a successful year with a few club players returning and some very strong rookie players. The girls fought hard all season and really showed what it means to be a Voyageur! The coaches were proud of how the girls came together as a team and supported one another off of the field!

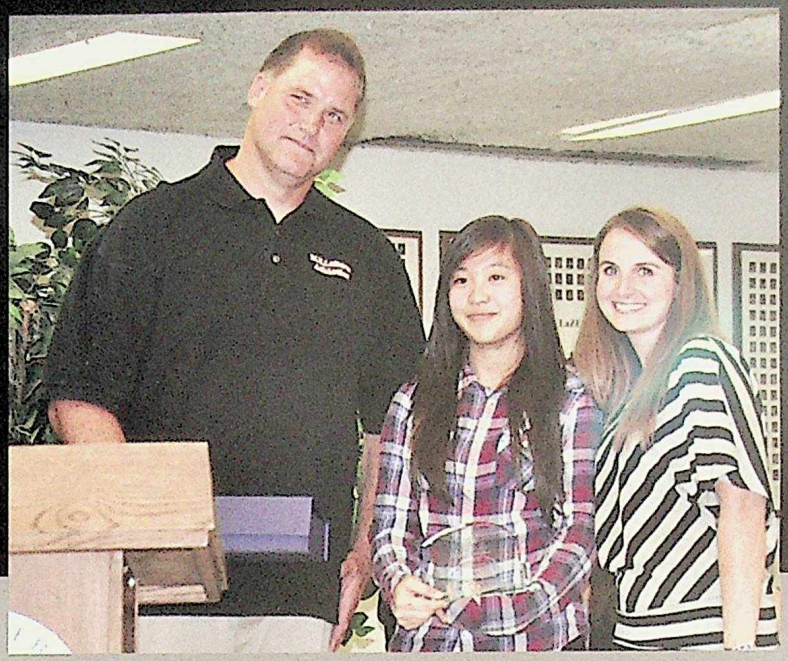
Senior Women

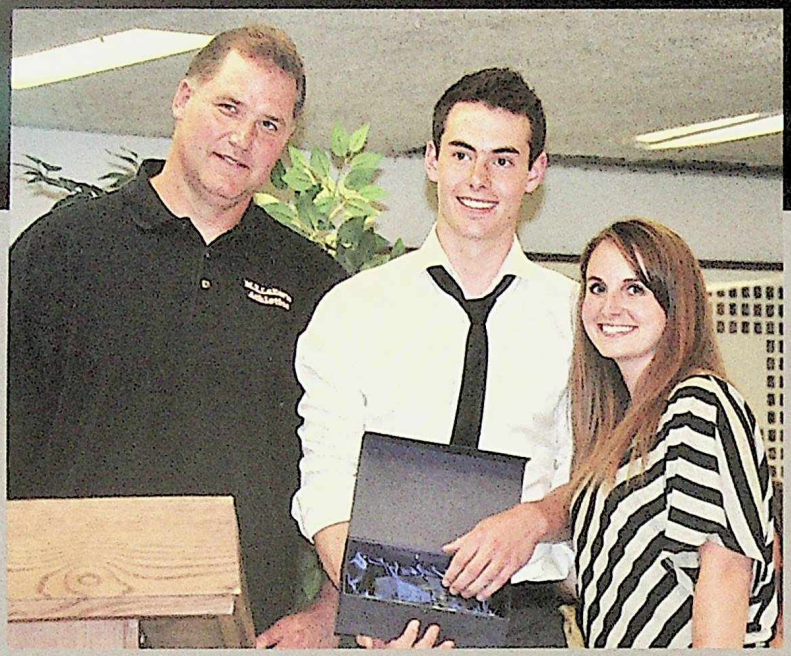


Athletic Awards

	MVP	Spirit
Football	Bo Jereniuk MVP - Miles Pederson MVP Defense - Dean Berube MVP Lineman - Peter Bowen MVP Offence - Mike Melymick	Thom Elniski Award - Fraser Lake Tony Mandrusiak Award - Brock Lycan
Indoor Soccer	Ramid Nazari	Katie Eliuk
Men's Handball	Miles Pederson	Cole Cline
Women's Handball	Kristyn Mahoney	Alycia Trithart
Women's Rugby	Emily Prete	Jessica Libon
Wrestling	Eddy Guan Amber Sims	
Badminton	Jenna Wong Ian Chin	Cynthia Wong Vincent To
Track and Field	Grant Sodergren	Colyn Ma
Cross Country	Lesley Koopman	Colyn Ma
Swim	Colyn Ma Diana Yu	Zakary Mah
Golf	Brian Lardner	
Senior Men's Volleyball	Jared Boyle	Steven Co
Senior Women's Volleyball	Grace Eang	An Nguyen
Junior Men's Volleyball	Jordan Lam	Raymond Cheung
Junior Women's Volleyball	Alycia Trithart	Hanna Kuduzovic
Senior Men's Basketball	Hasan Hajjar	Liban Yousef
Senior Women's Basketball	Kristyn Mahoney Ashley Gawlik	Mikayla Stonehocker
Junior Men's Basketball	Mohamed Almamoun	Jeff Ma
Junior Women's Basketball	Maha Shawar	Sabrina Abdela
Senior Men's Soccer	Masih Mohammad	Paul Brumsey
Senior Women's Soccer	Kristyn Mahoney	Erin Hughes
Junior Men's Soccer	Belal Hawa	Gaston Kalala

Athletes of the Year





Grade 10 female - Christine Nguyen
Grade 10 male - Raymond Cheung
Grade 11 female - Laura Sliwkanich
Grade 11 male - Jeff Ma (Not pictured)
Grade 12 female - Kristyn Mahoney
Grade 12 male - Jared Boyle

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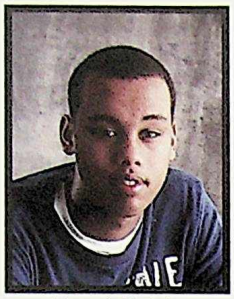
a new begining

Fadi Abboud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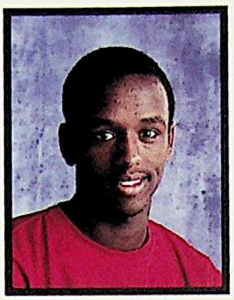
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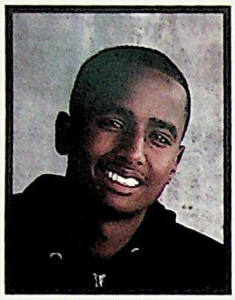
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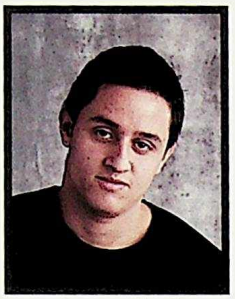
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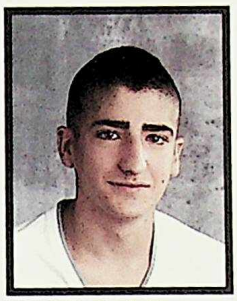
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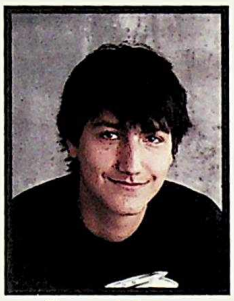
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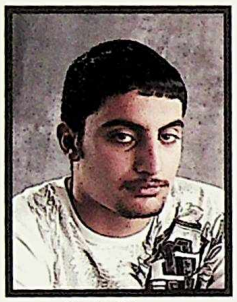
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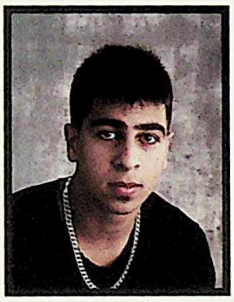
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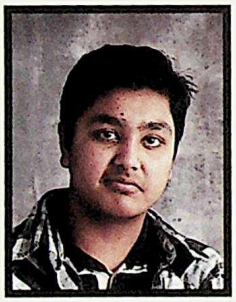
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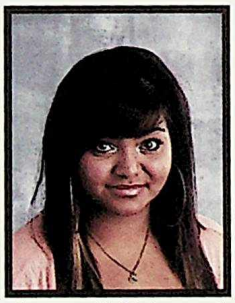
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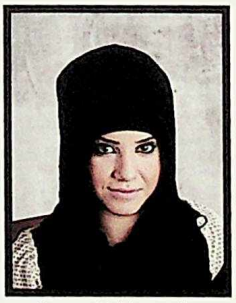
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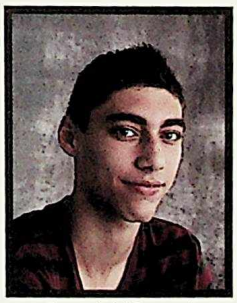
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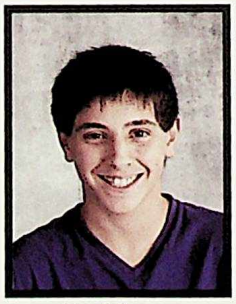
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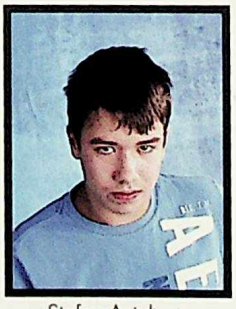
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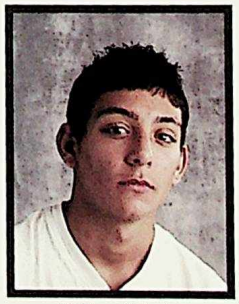
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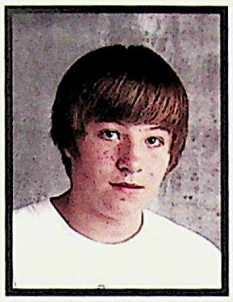
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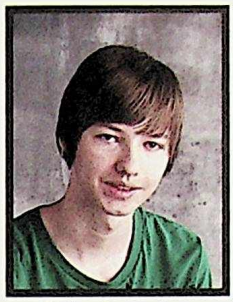
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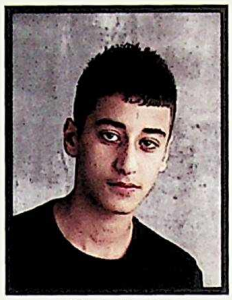
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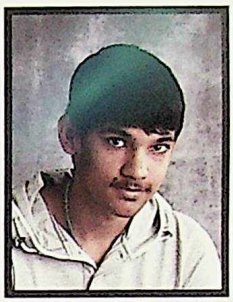
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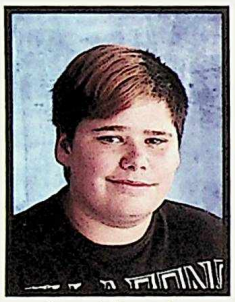
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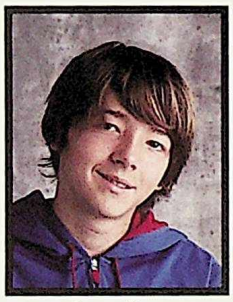
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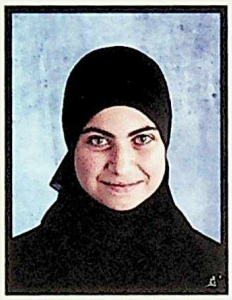
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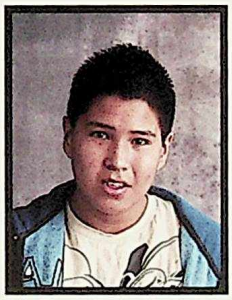
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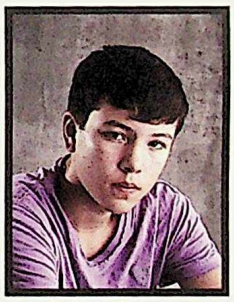
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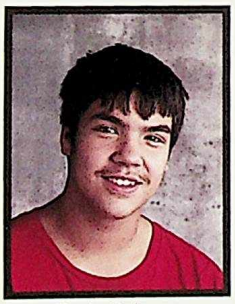
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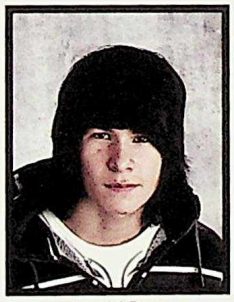
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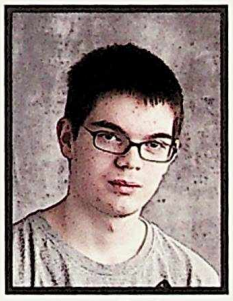
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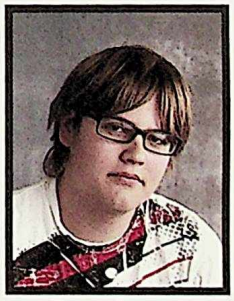
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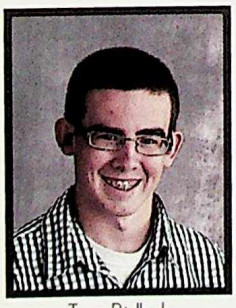
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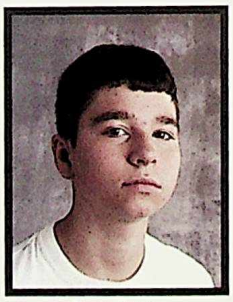
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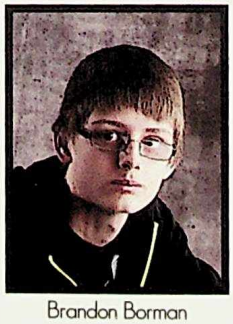
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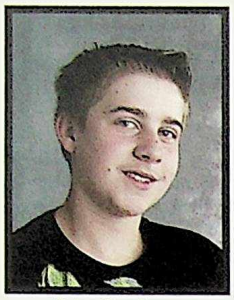
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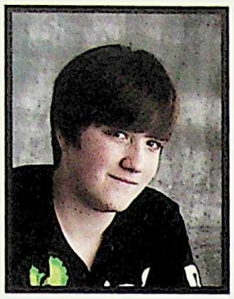
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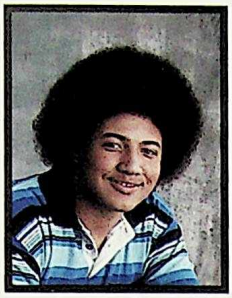
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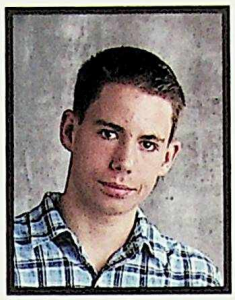
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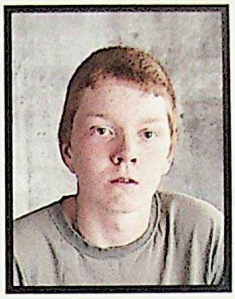
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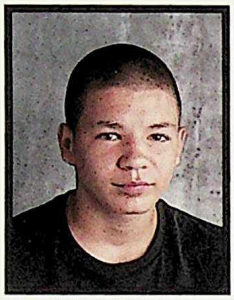
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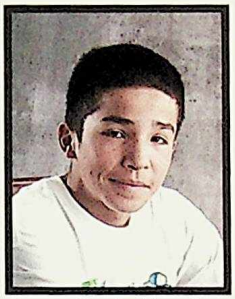
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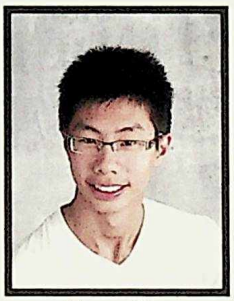
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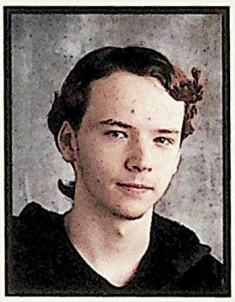
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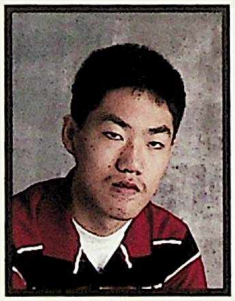
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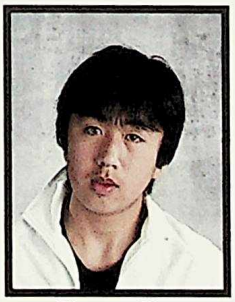
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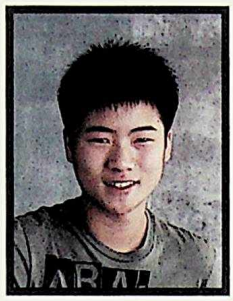
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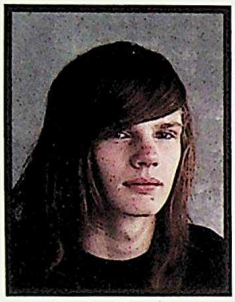
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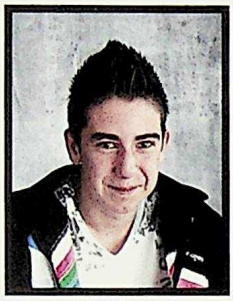
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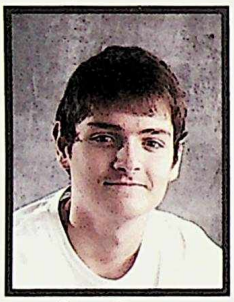
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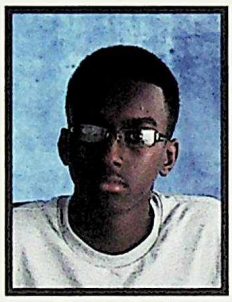
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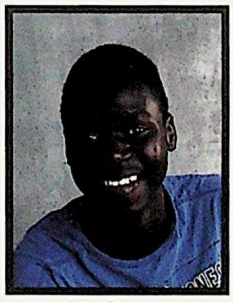
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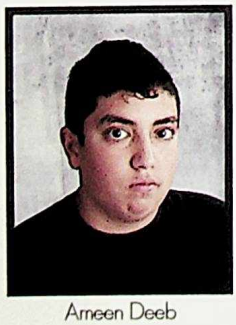
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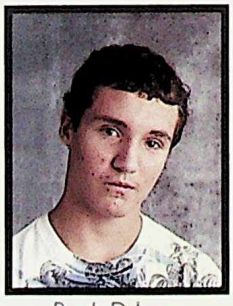
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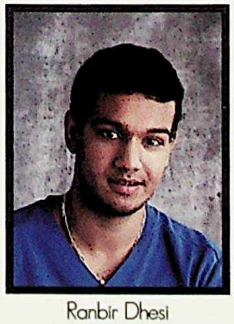
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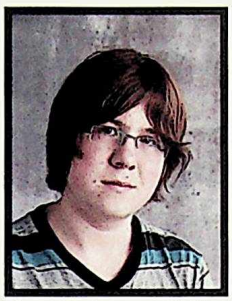
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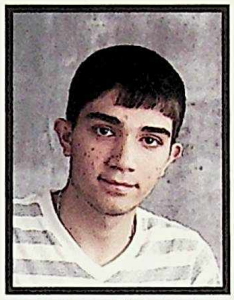
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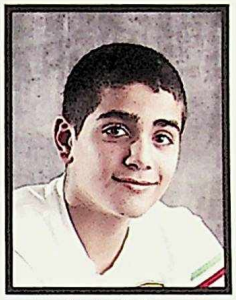
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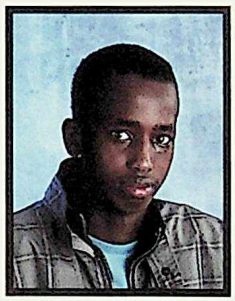
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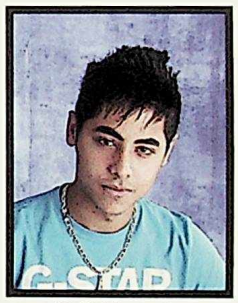
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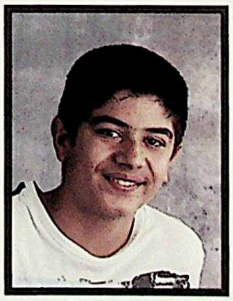
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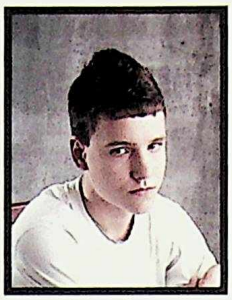
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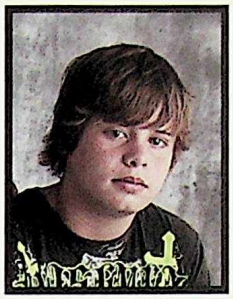
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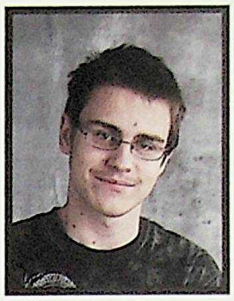
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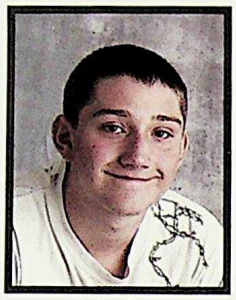
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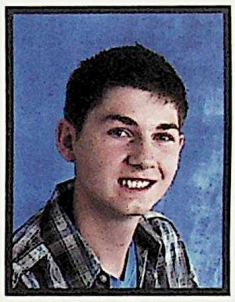
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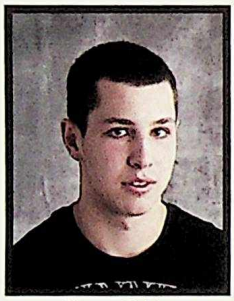
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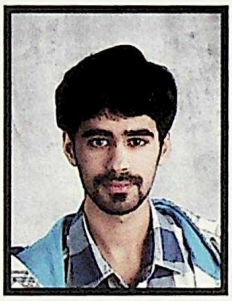
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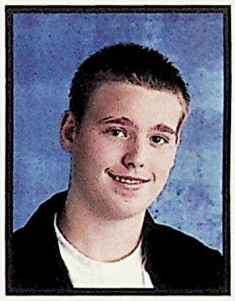
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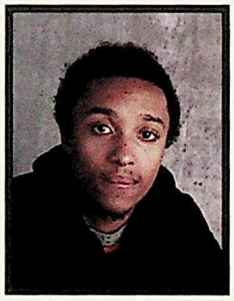
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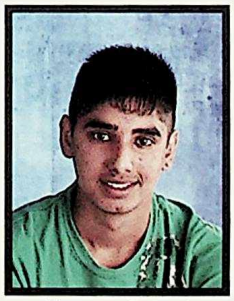
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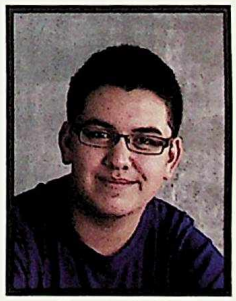
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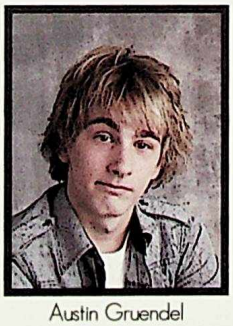
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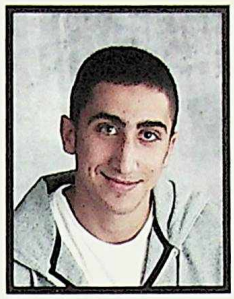
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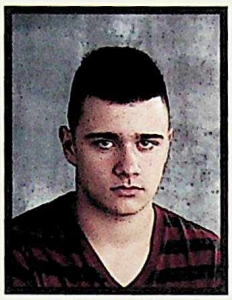
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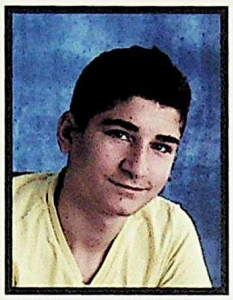
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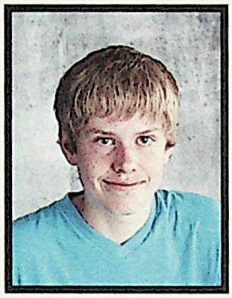
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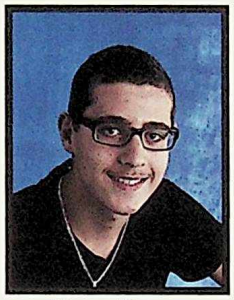
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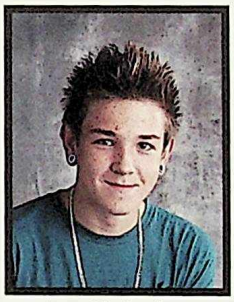
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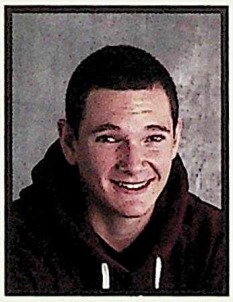
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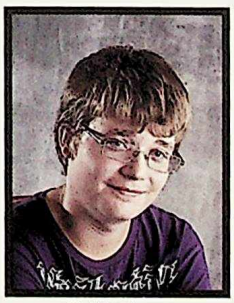
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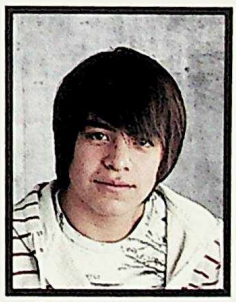
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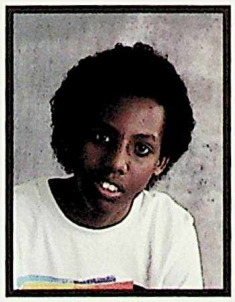
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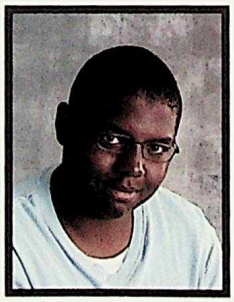
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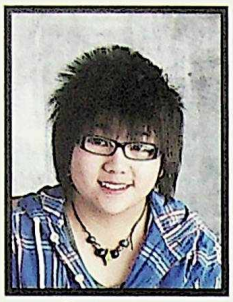
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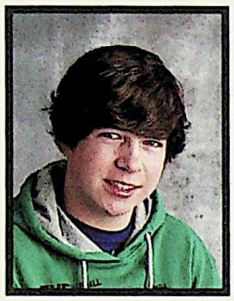
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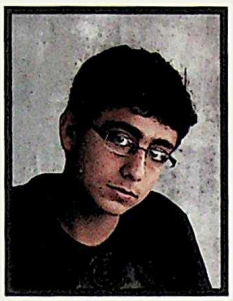
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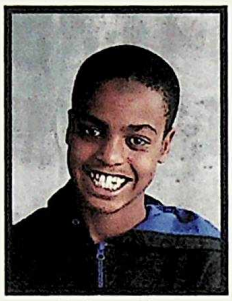
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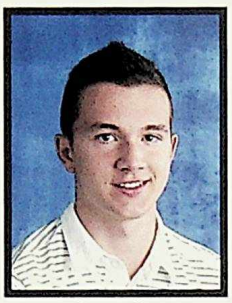
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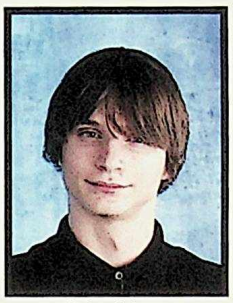
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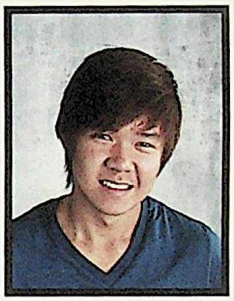
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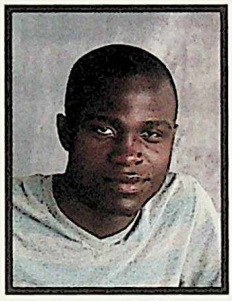
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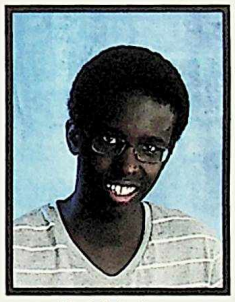
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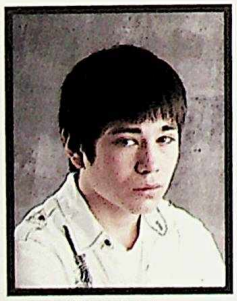
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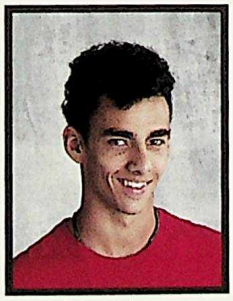
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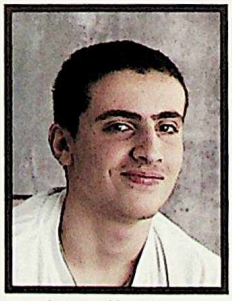
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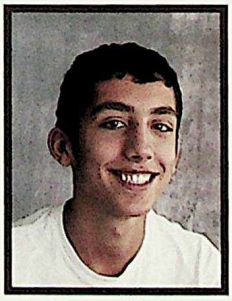
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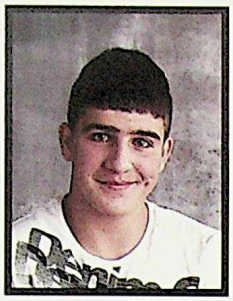
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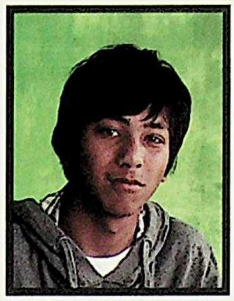
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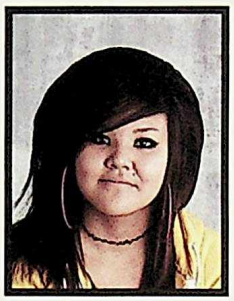
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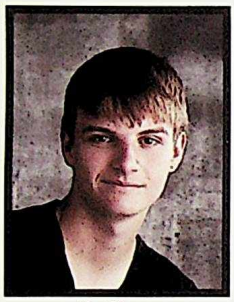
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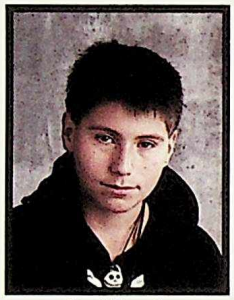
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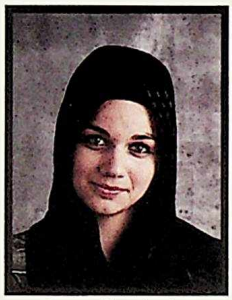
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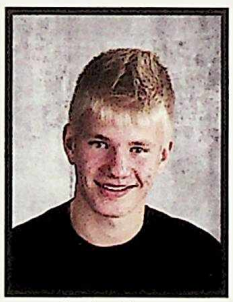
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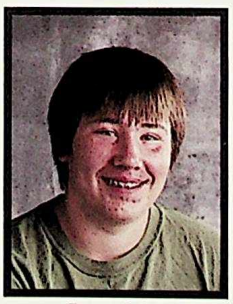
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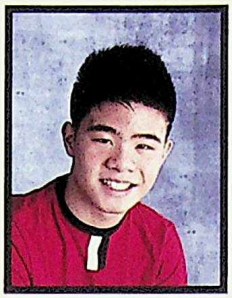
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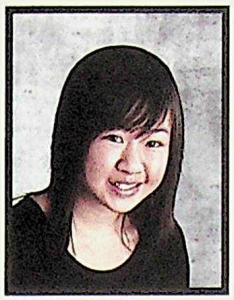
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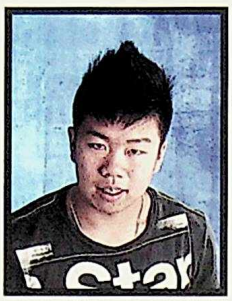
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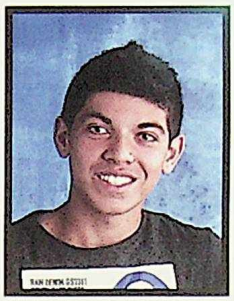
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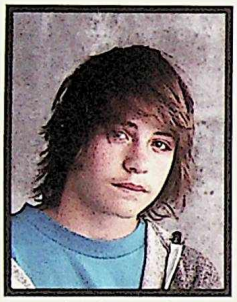
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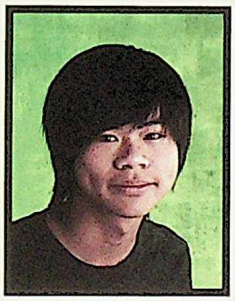
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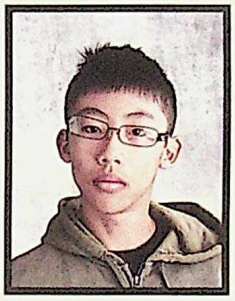
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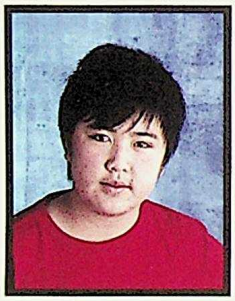
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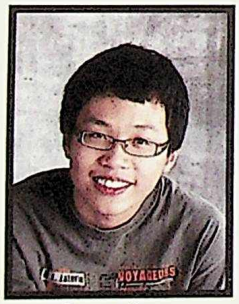
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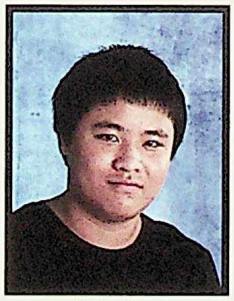
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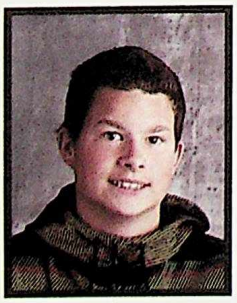
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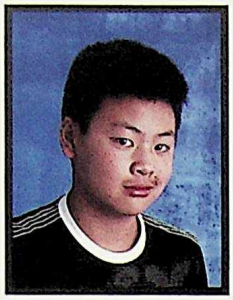
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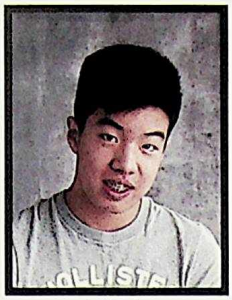
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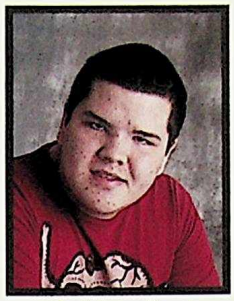
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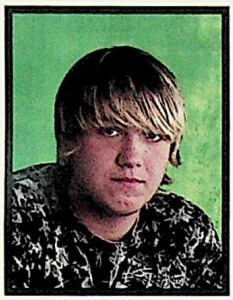
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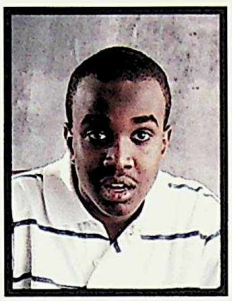
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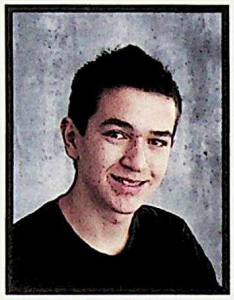
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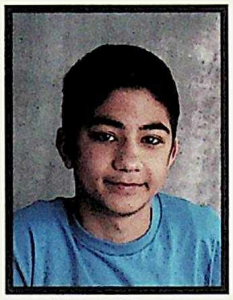
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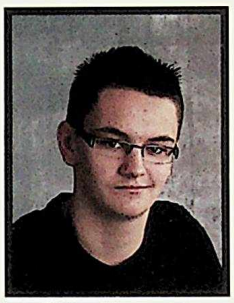
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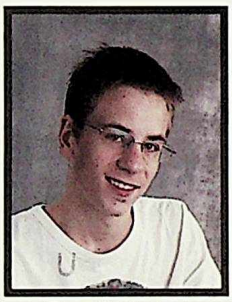
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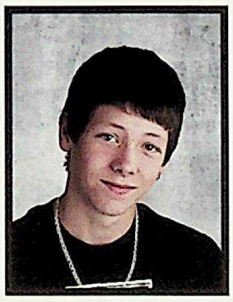
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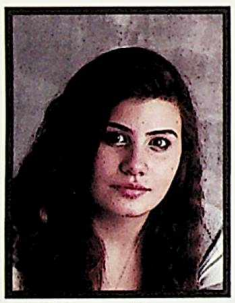
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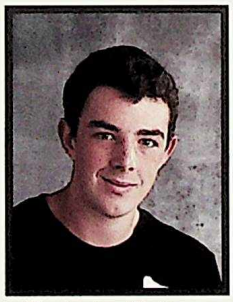
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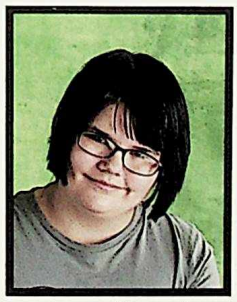
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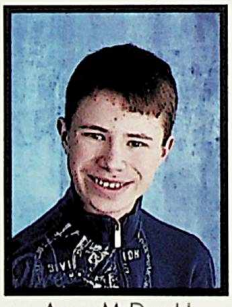
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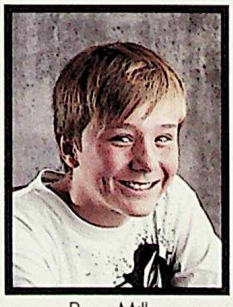
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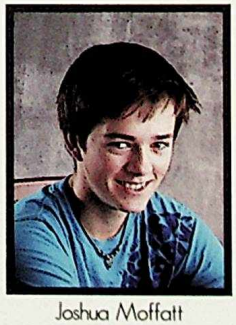
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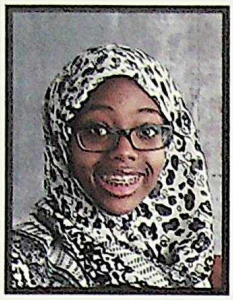
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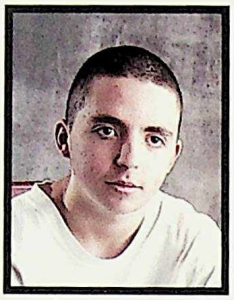
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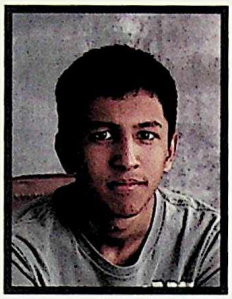
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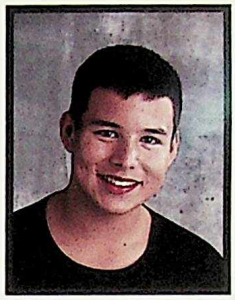
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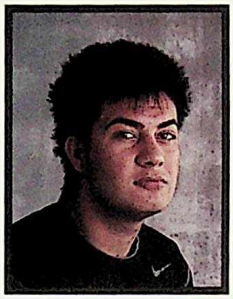
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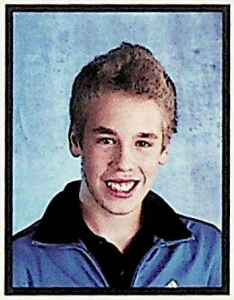
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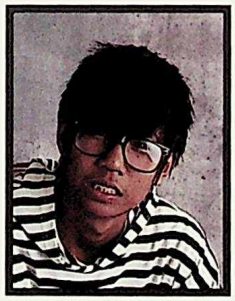
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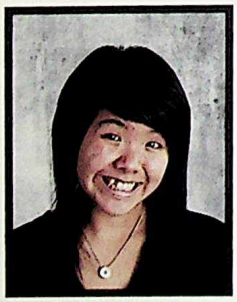
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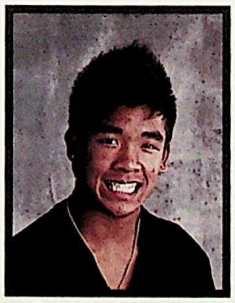
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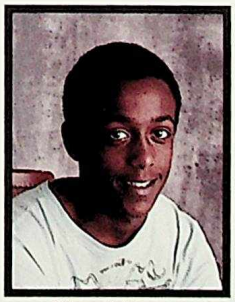
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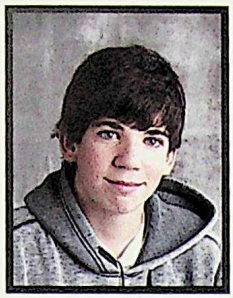
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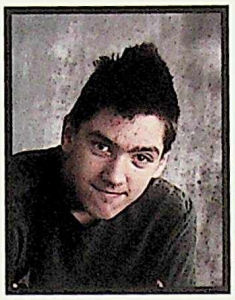
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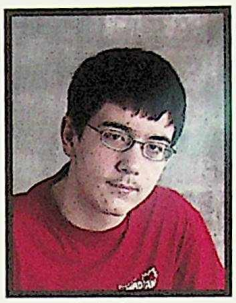
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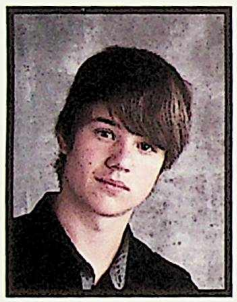
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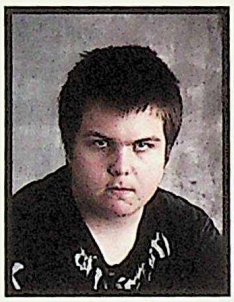
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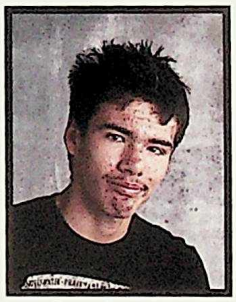
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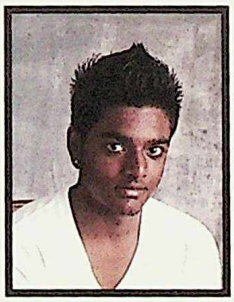
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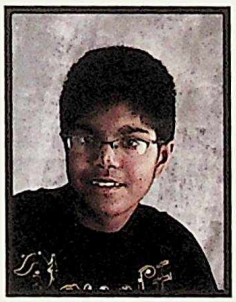
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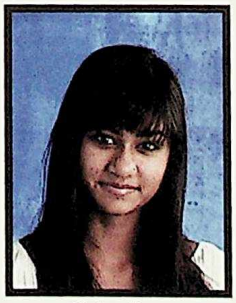
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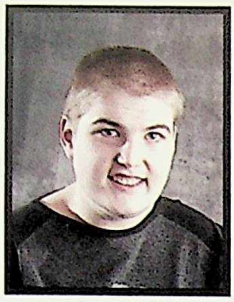
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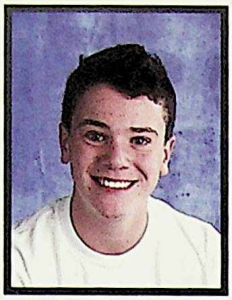
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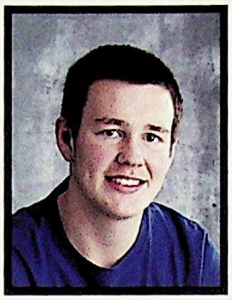
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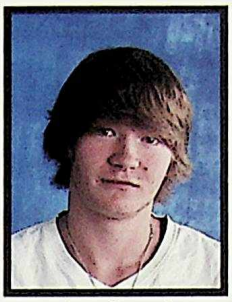
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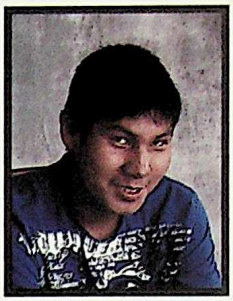
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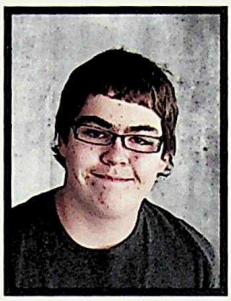
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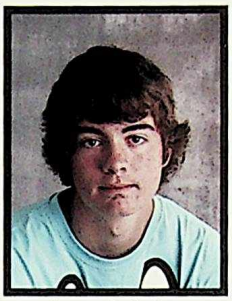
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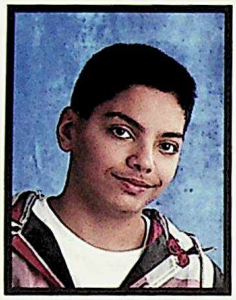
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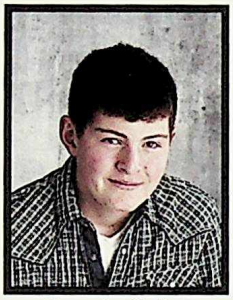
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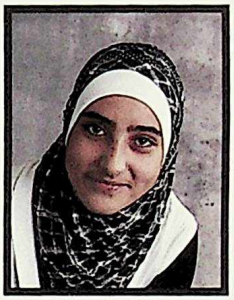
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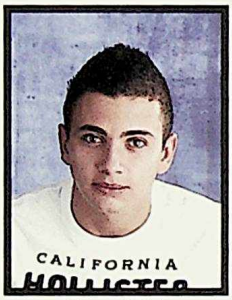

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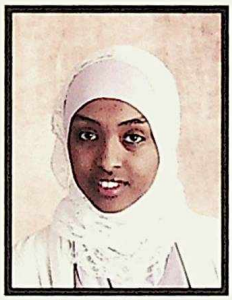
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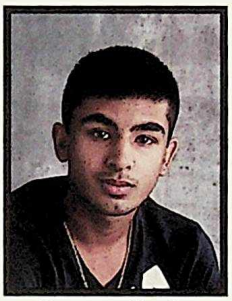
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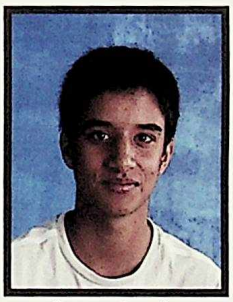
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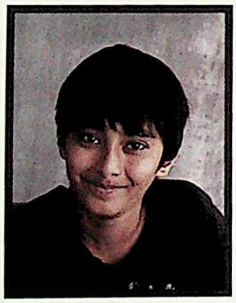
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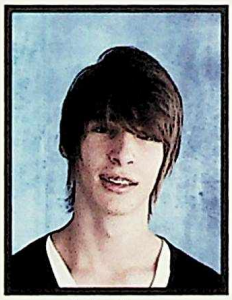
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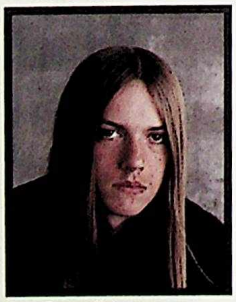
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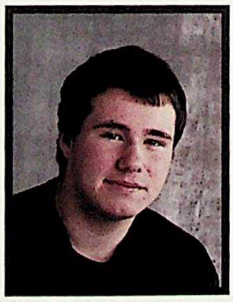
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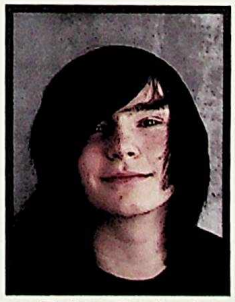
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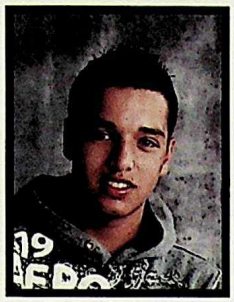
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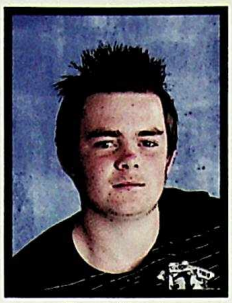
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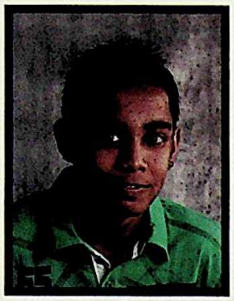
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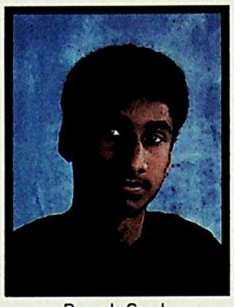
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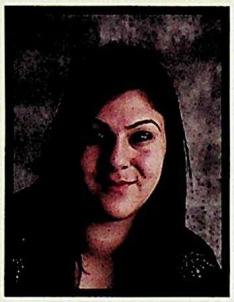
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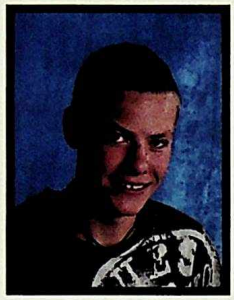
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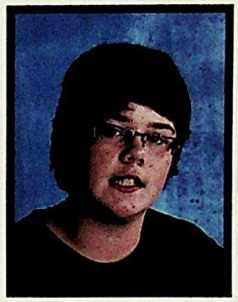
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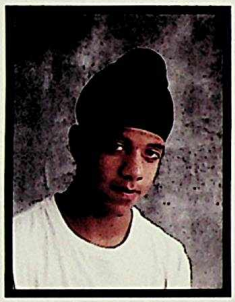
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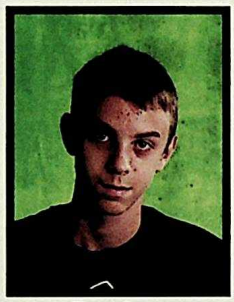
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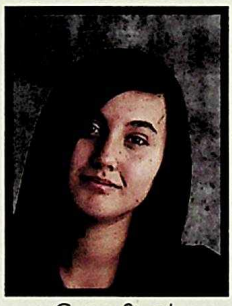
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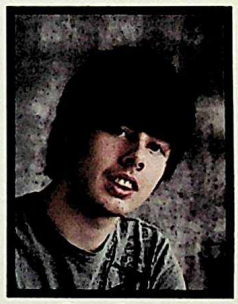
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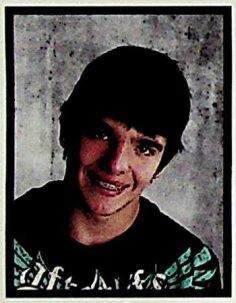
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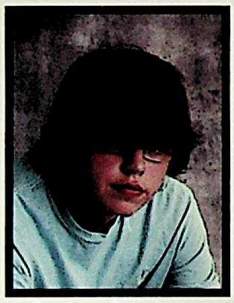
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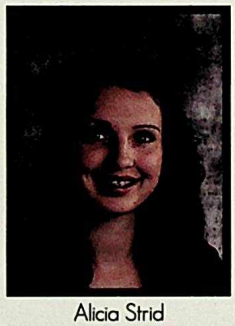
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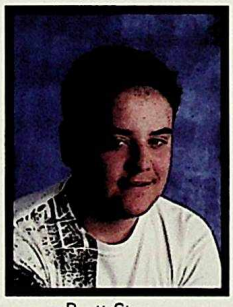
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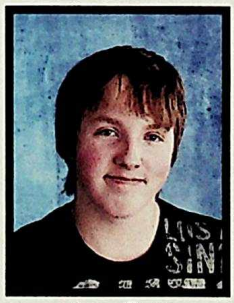
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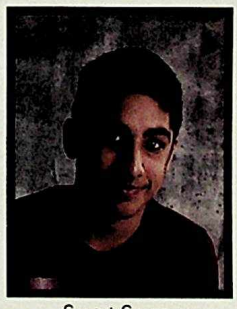
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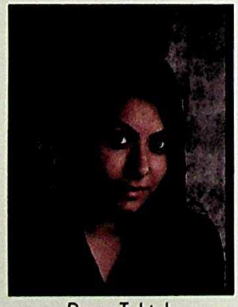
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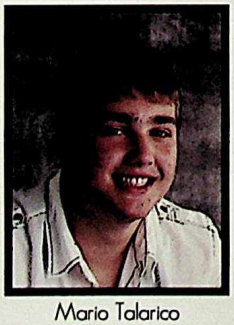
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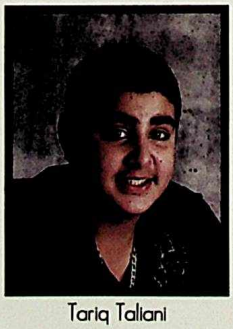
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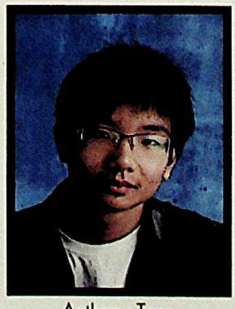
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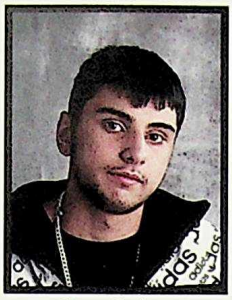
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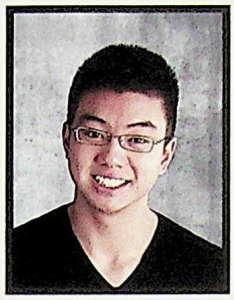
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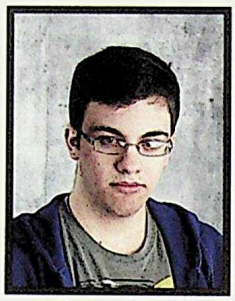
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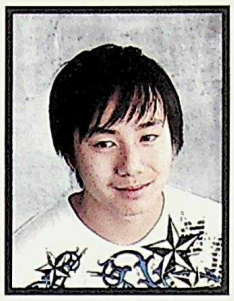
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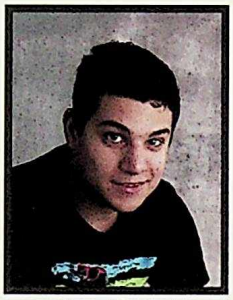
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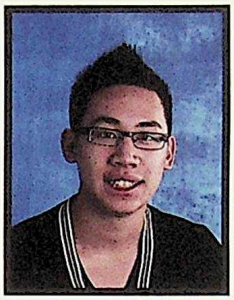
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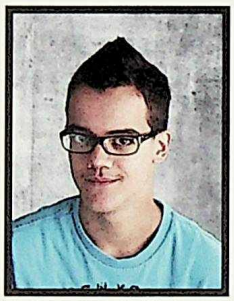
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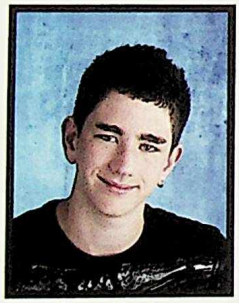
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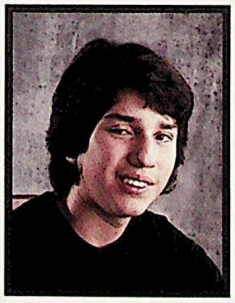
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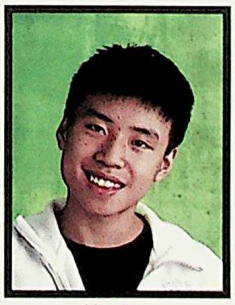
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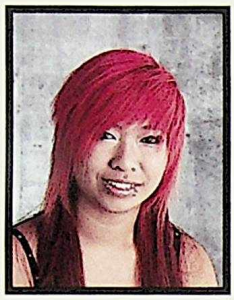
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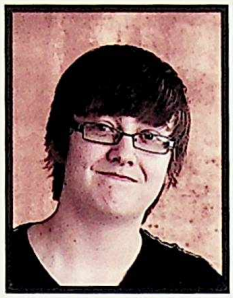
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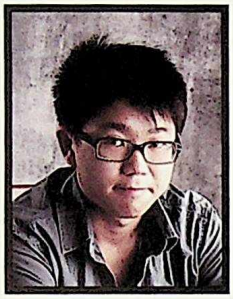
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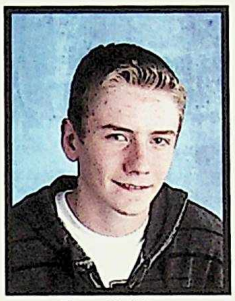
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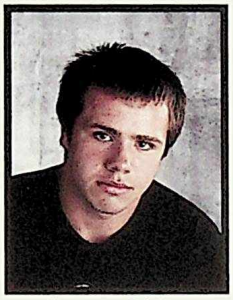
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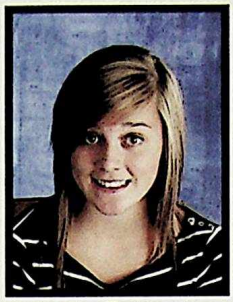
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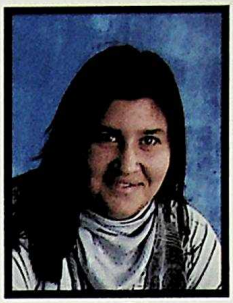
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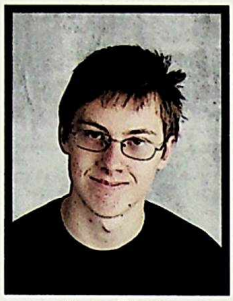
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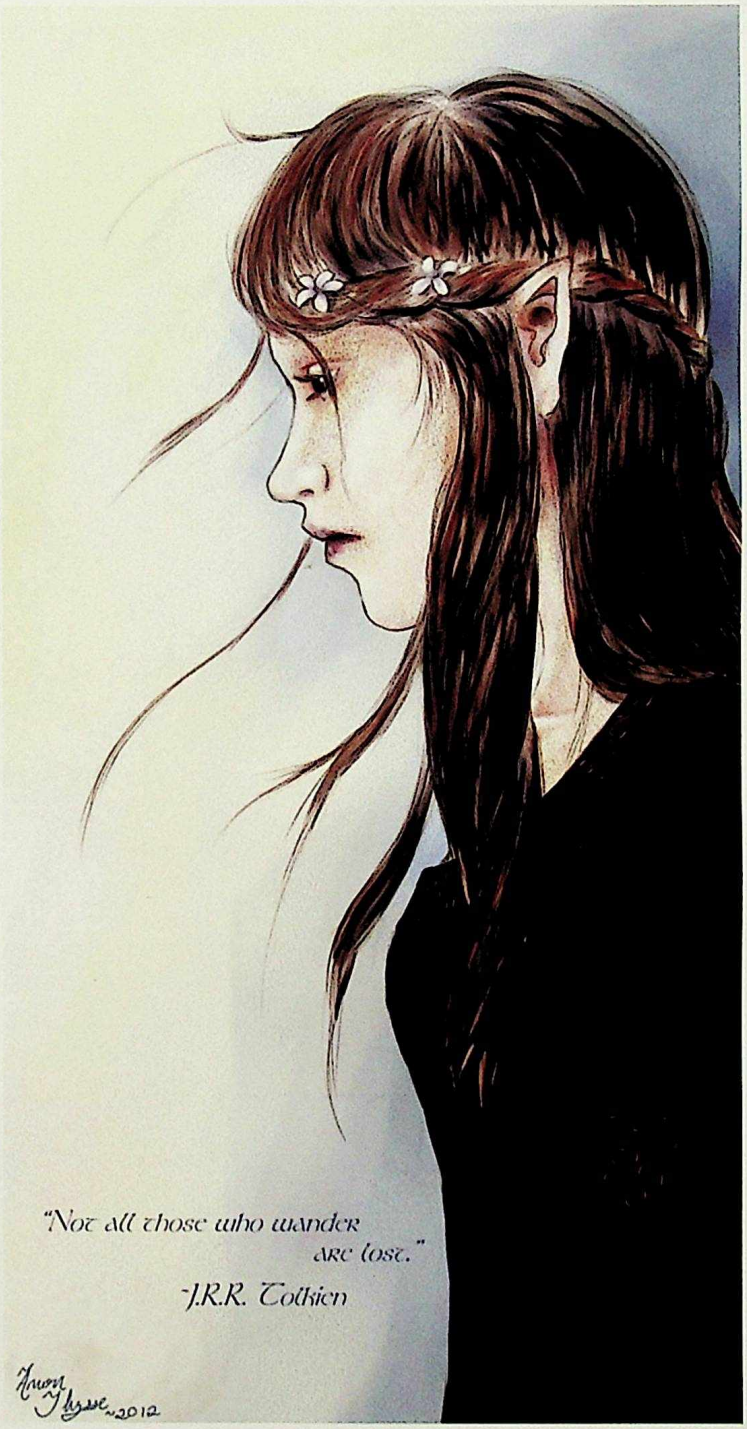

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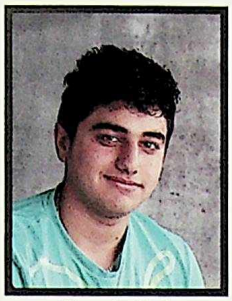
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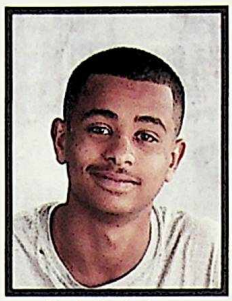
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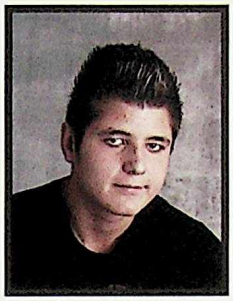
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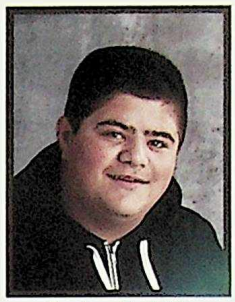
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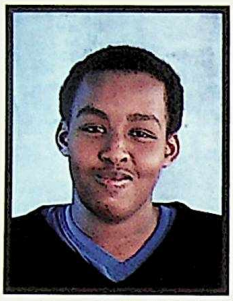
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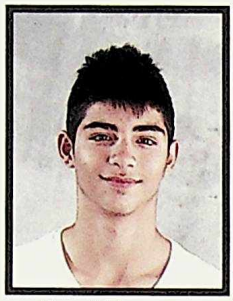
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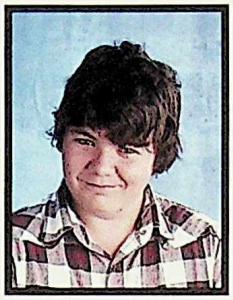
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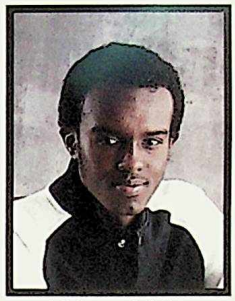
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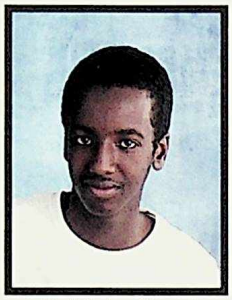
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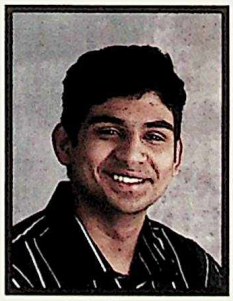
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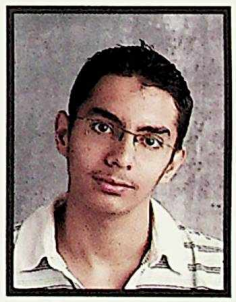
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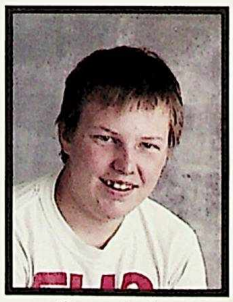
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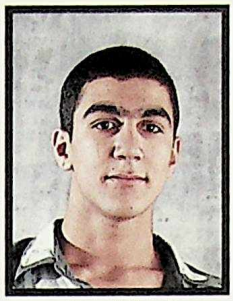
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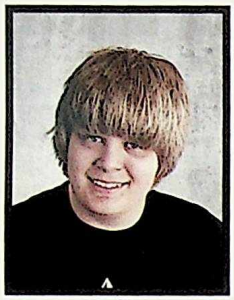
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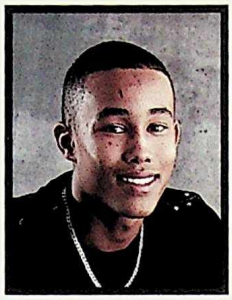
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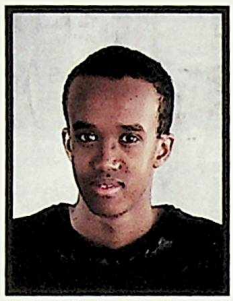
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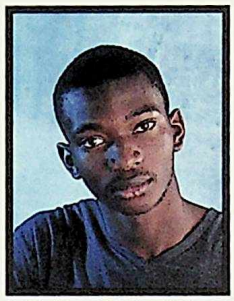
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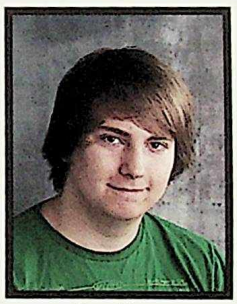
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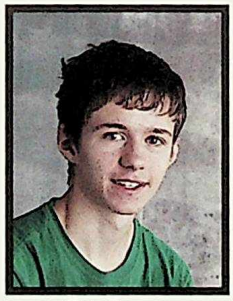
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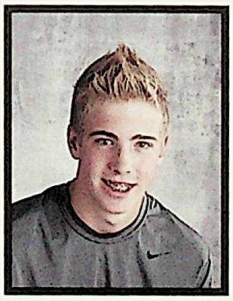
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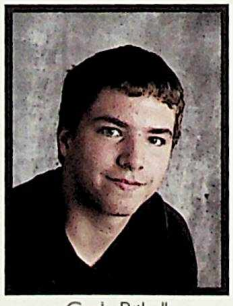
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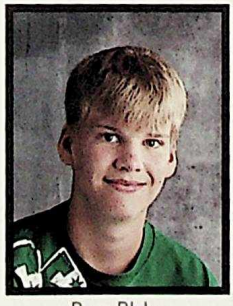
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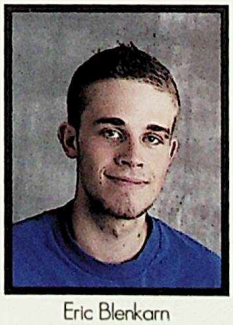
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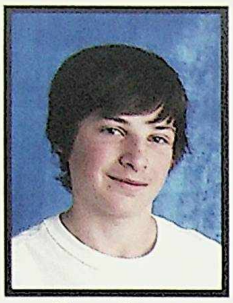
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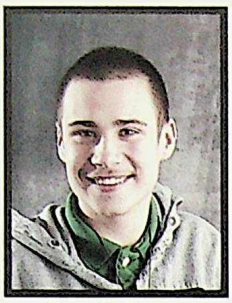
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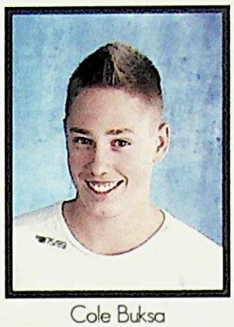
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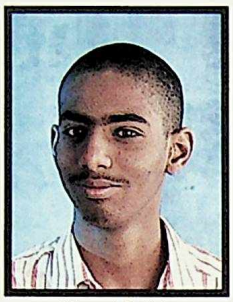
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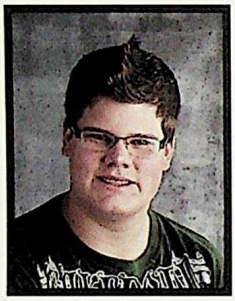
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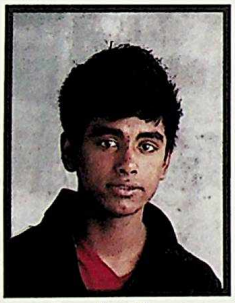
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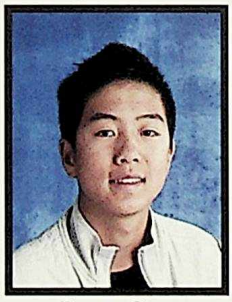
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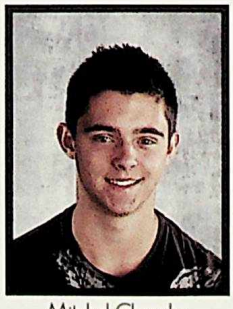
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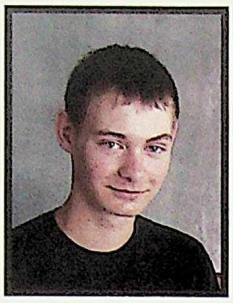
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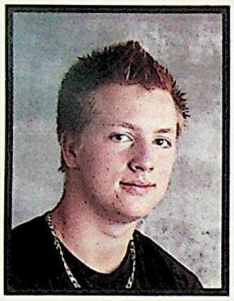
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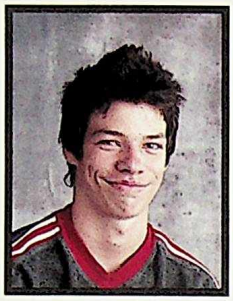
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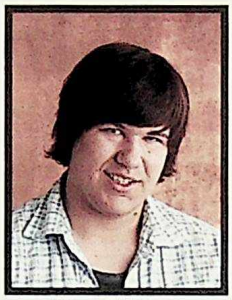
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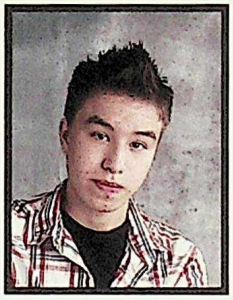
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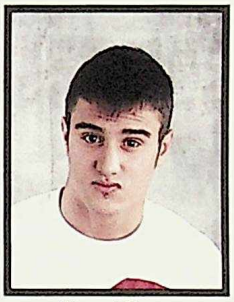
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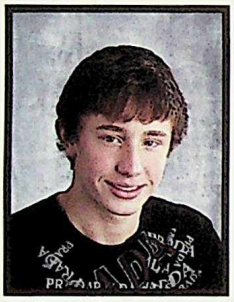
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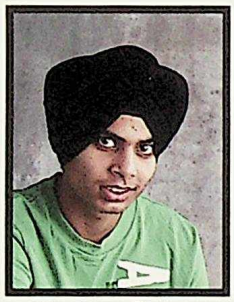
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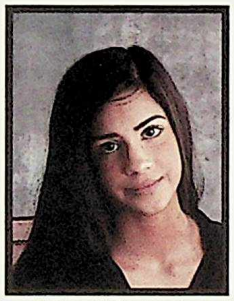
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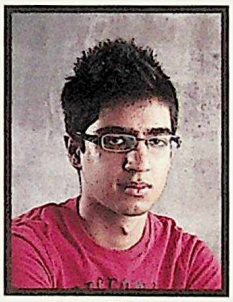
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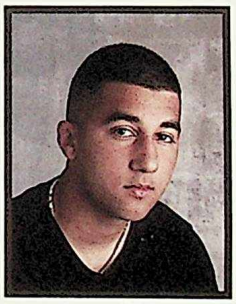
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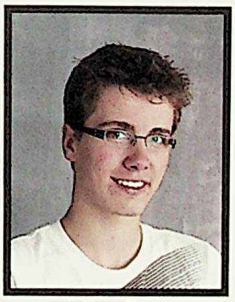
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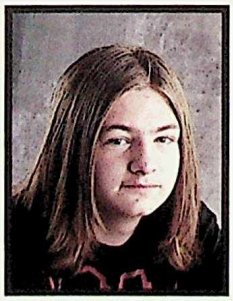
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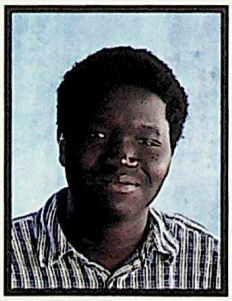
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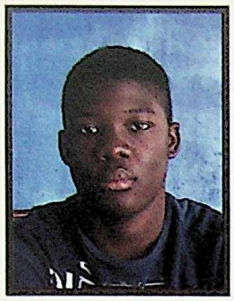
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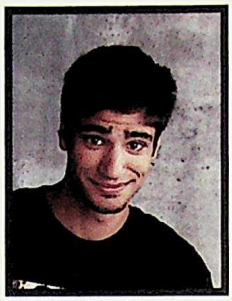
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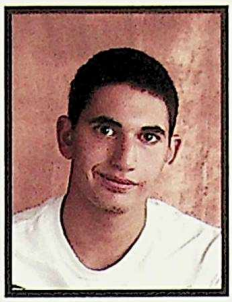
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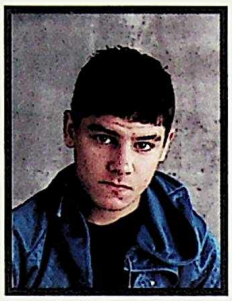
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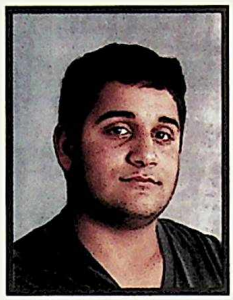
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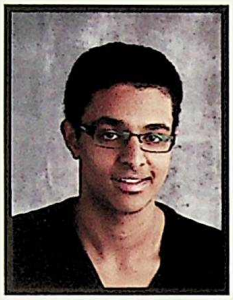
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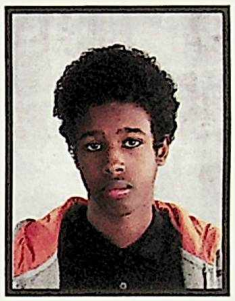
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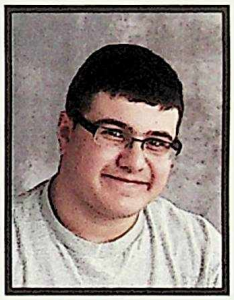
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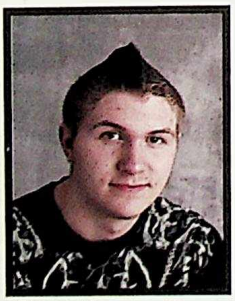
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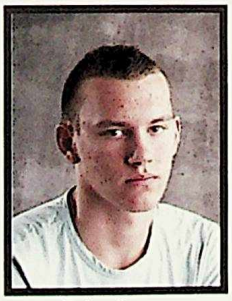
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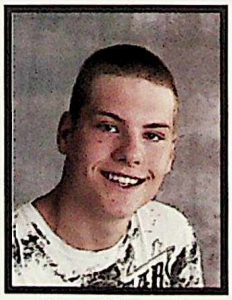
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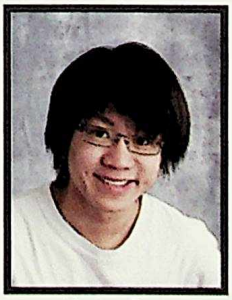
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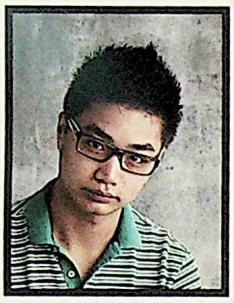
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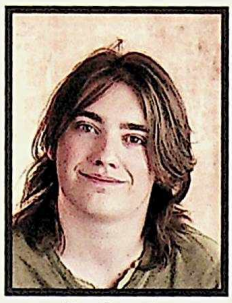
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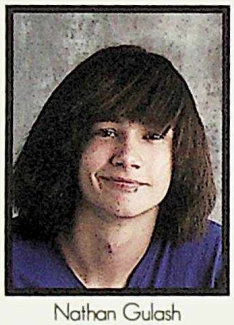
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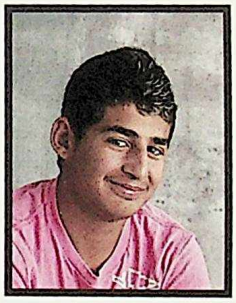
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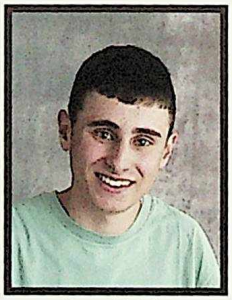
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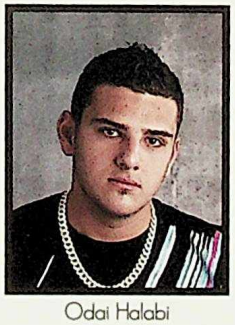
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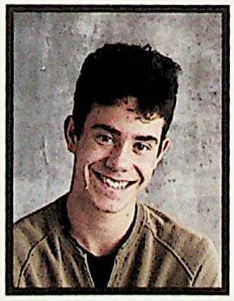
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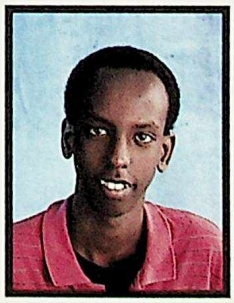
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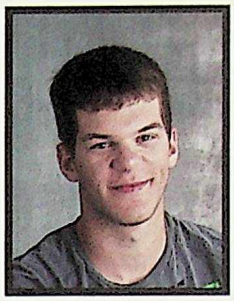
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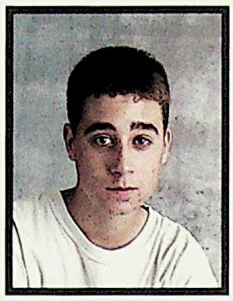
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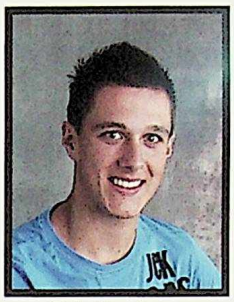
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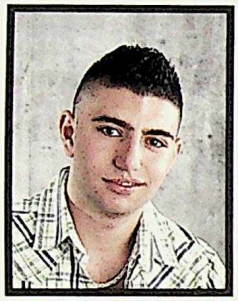
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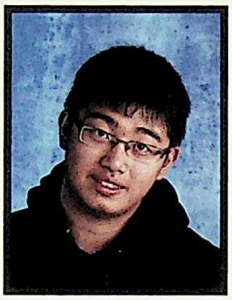
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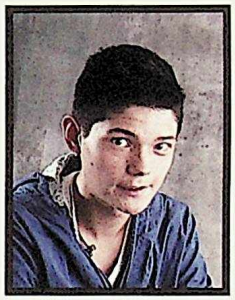
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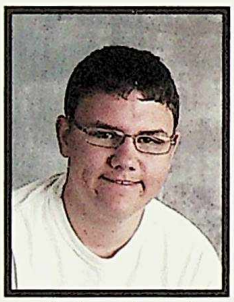
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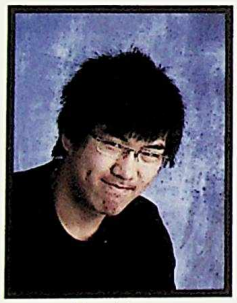
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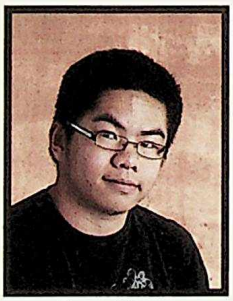
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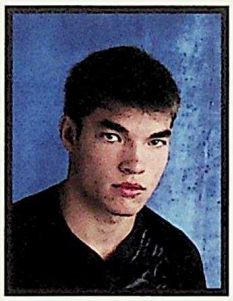
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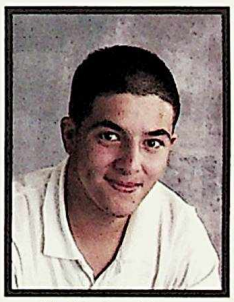
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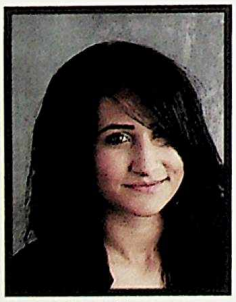
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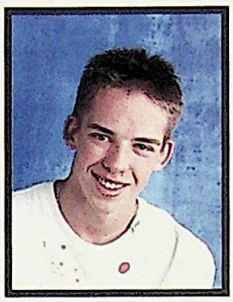
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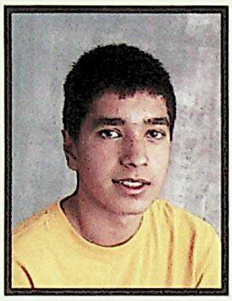
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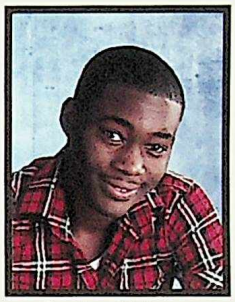
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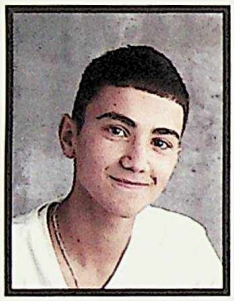
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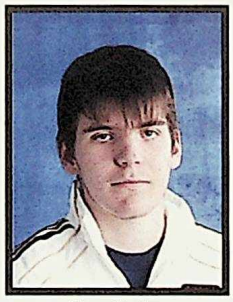
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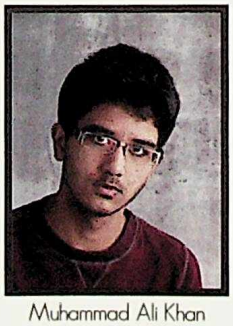
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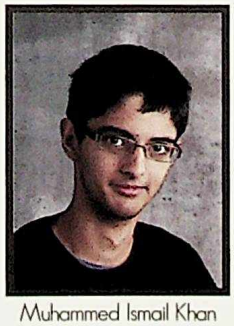
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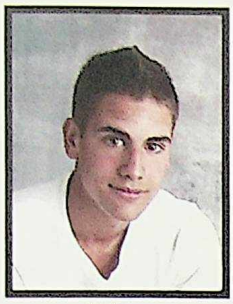
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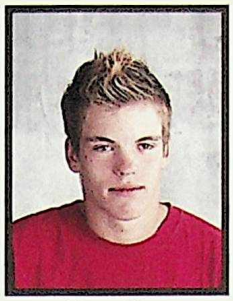
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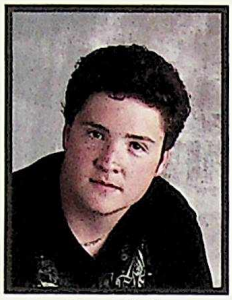
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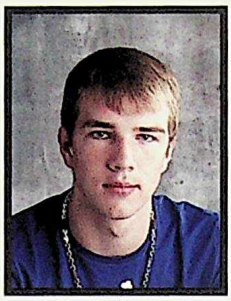
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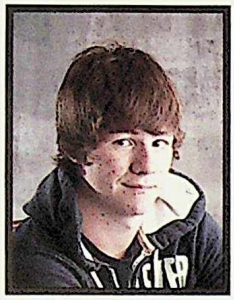
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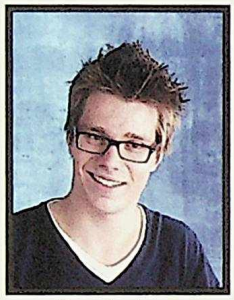
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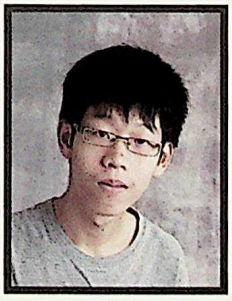
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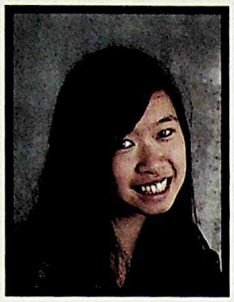
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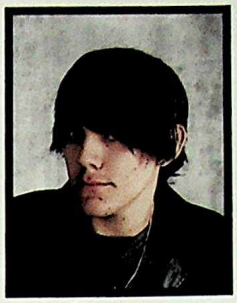
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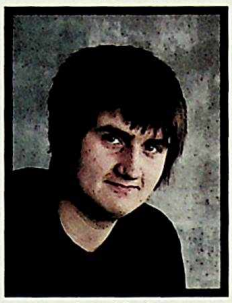
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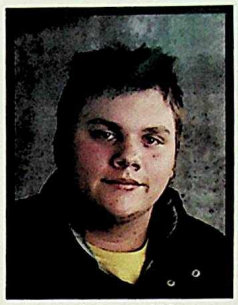
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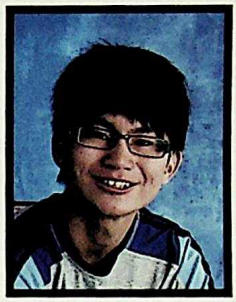
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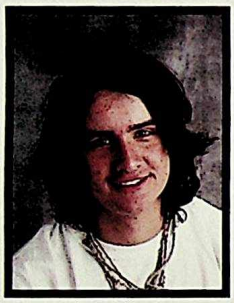
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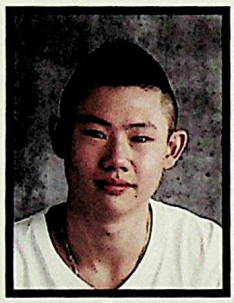
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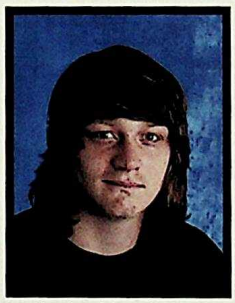
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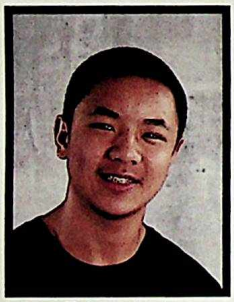
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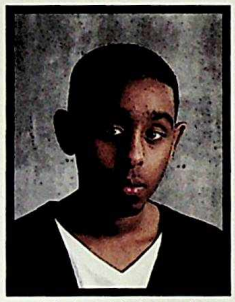
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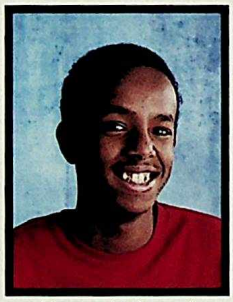
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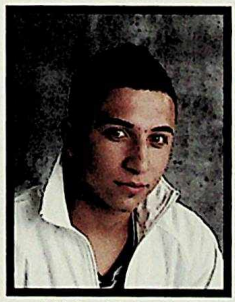
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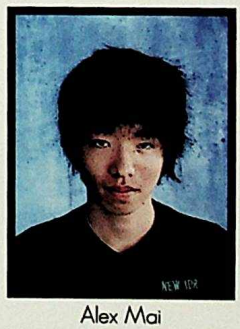
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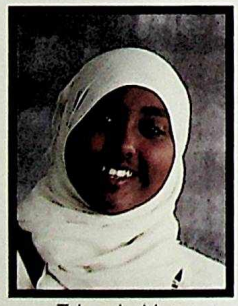
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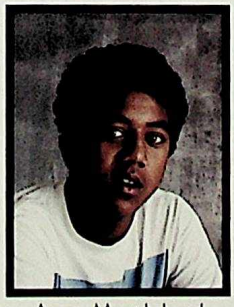
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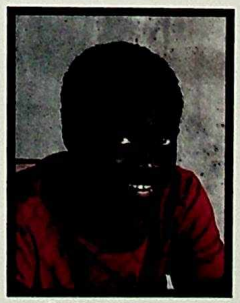
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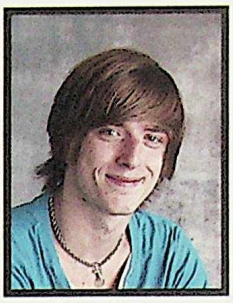
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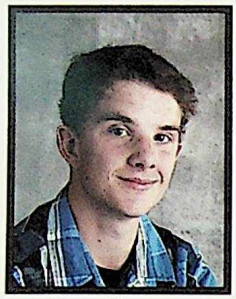
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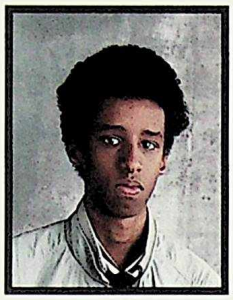
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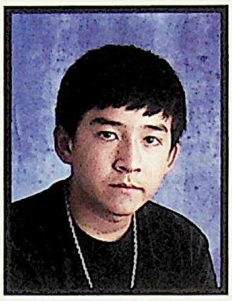
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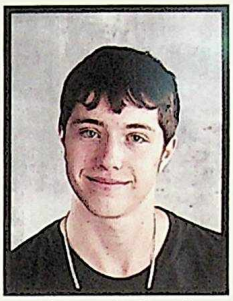
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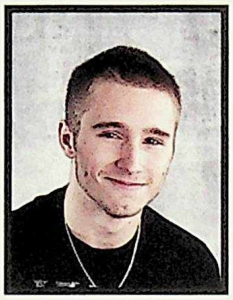
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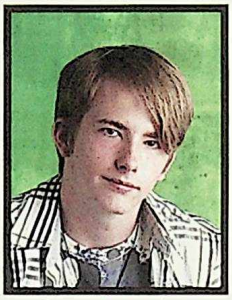
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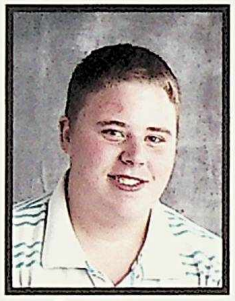
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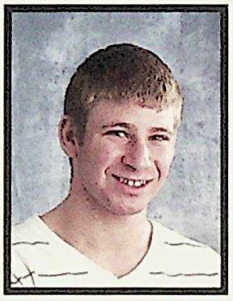
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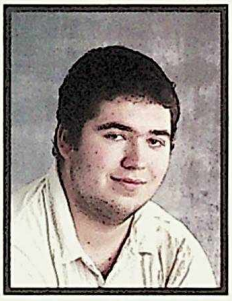
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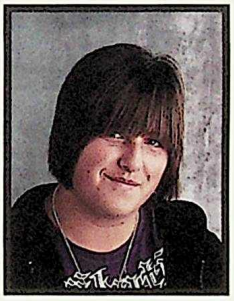
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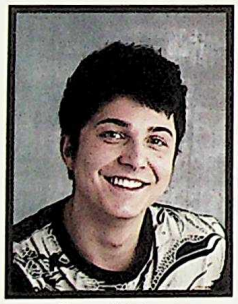
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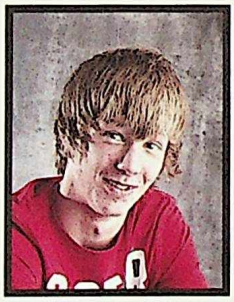
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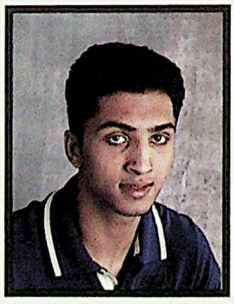
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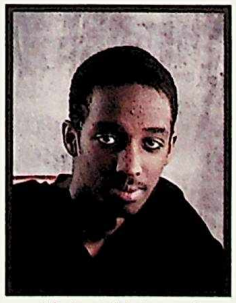
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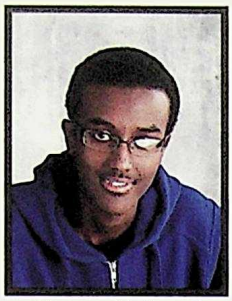
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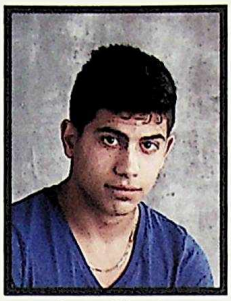
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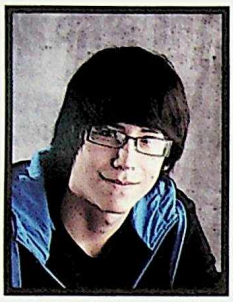
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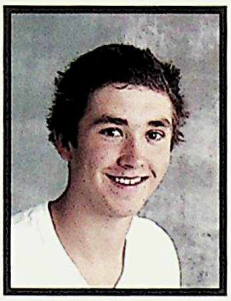
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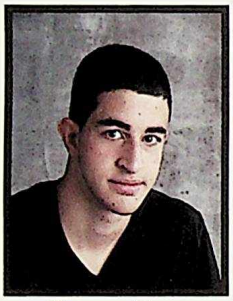
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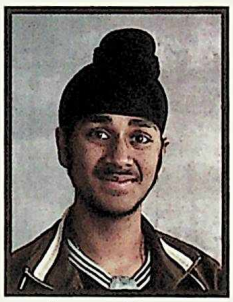
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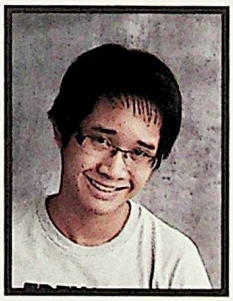
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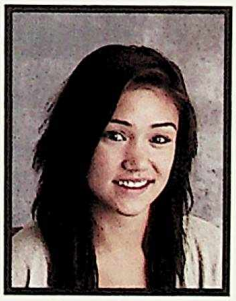
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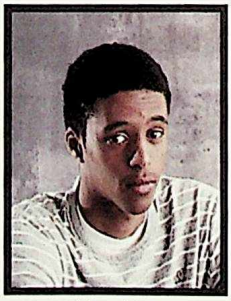
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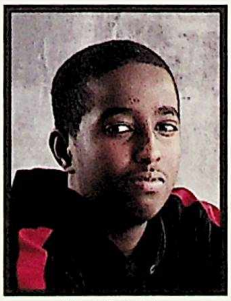
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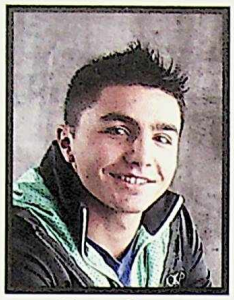
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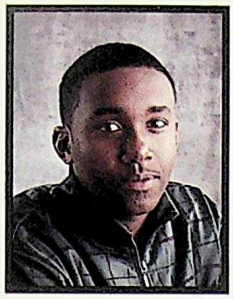
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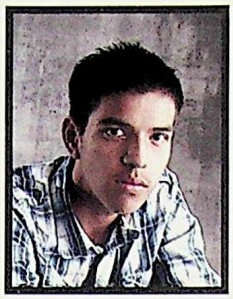
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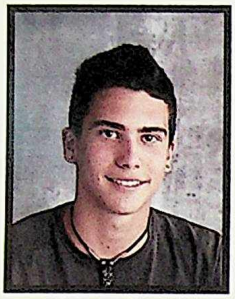
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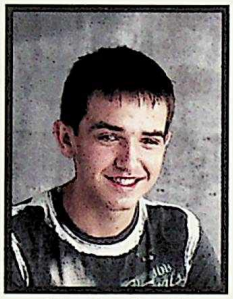
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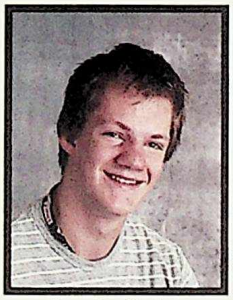
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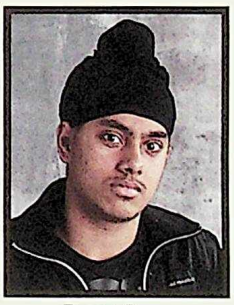
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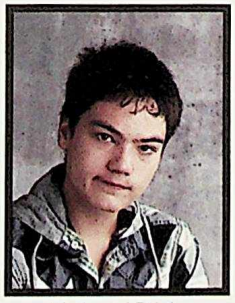
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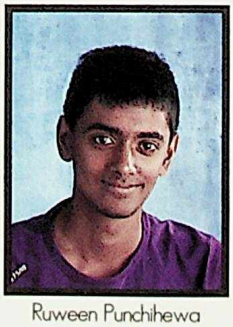
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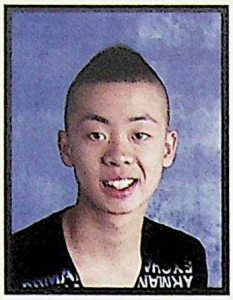
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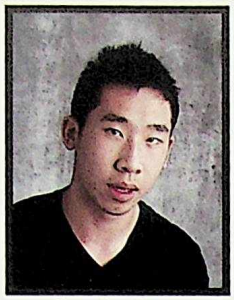
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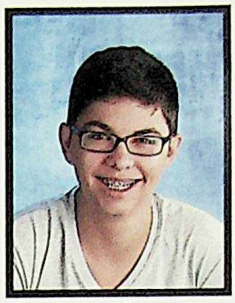
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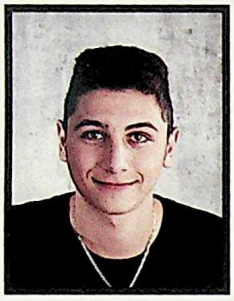
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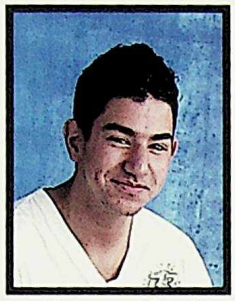
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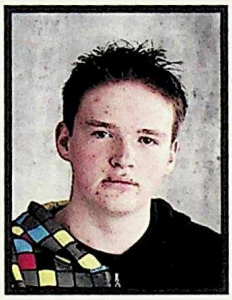
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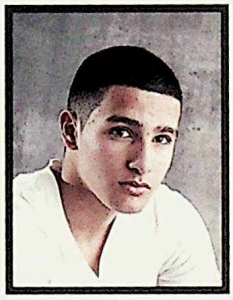
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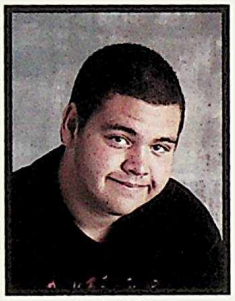
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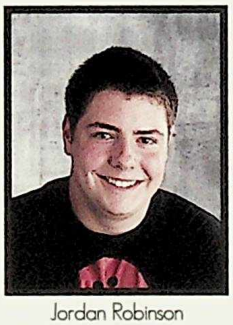
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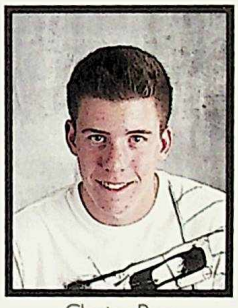
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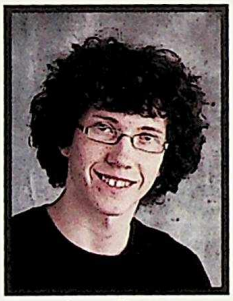
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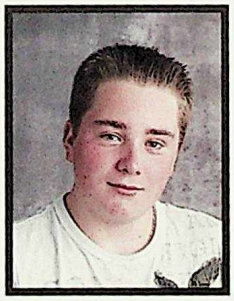
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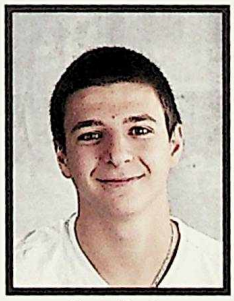
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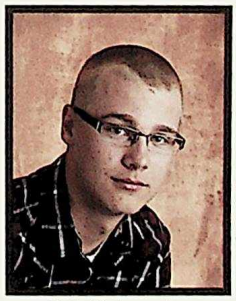
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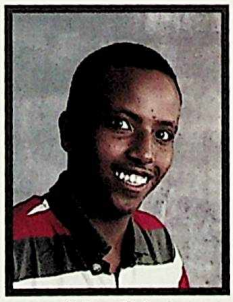
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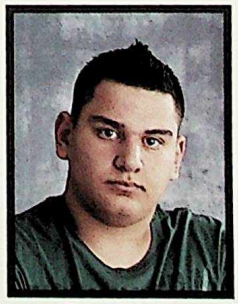
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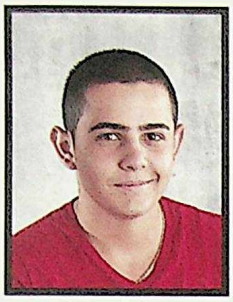
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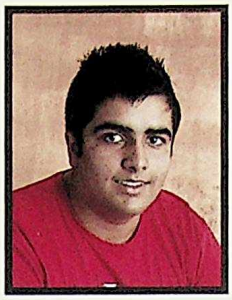
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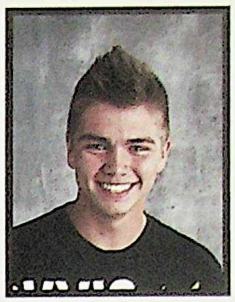
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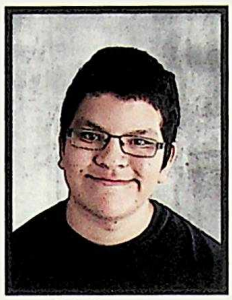
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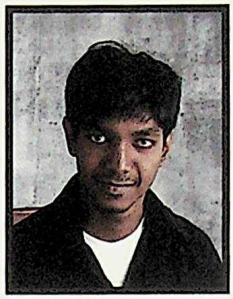
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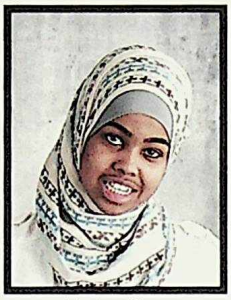
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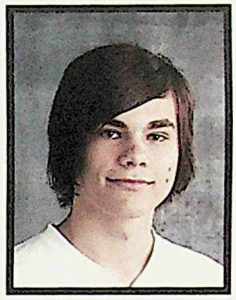
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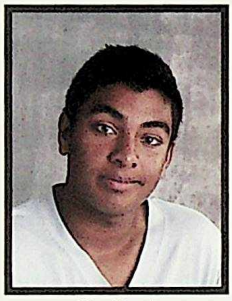
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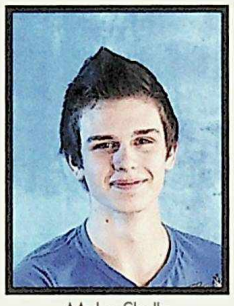
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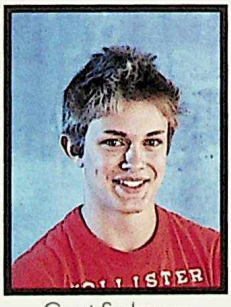
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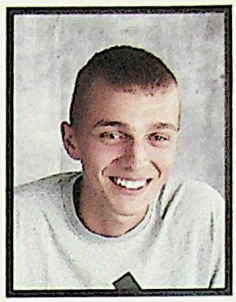
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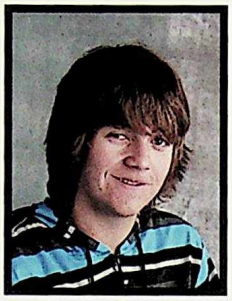
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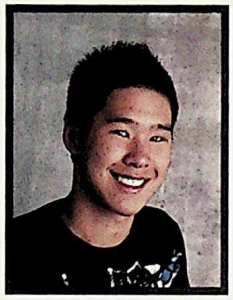
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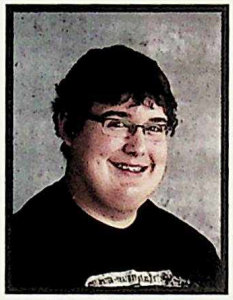
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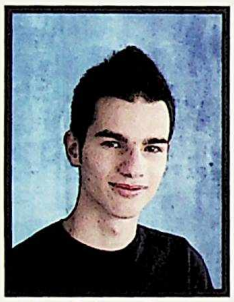
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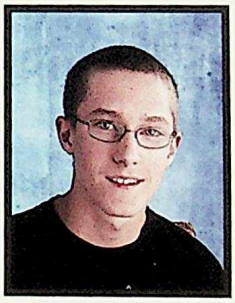
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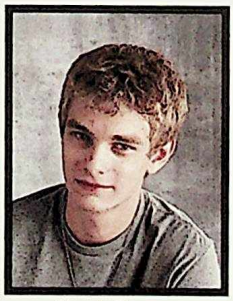
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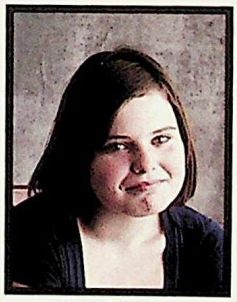
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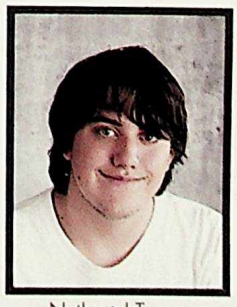
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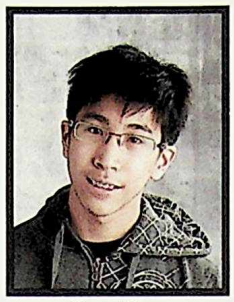
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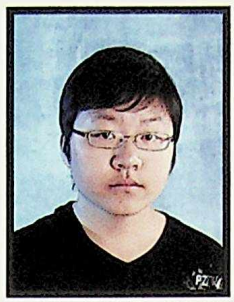
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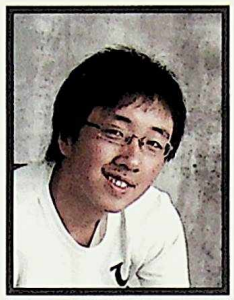
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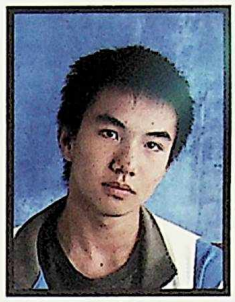
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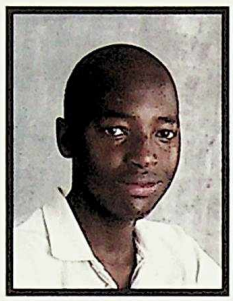
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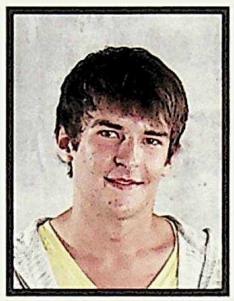
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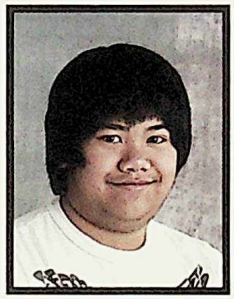
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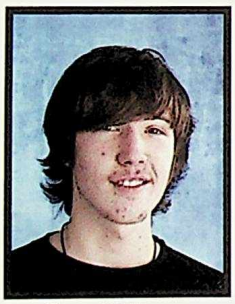
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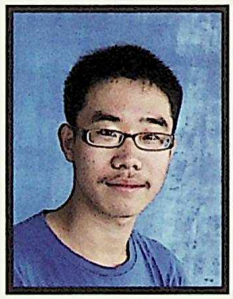
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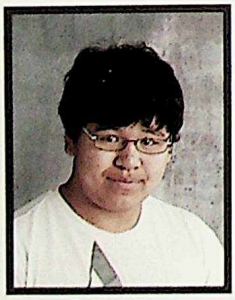
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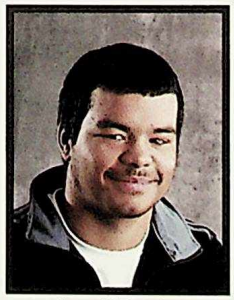
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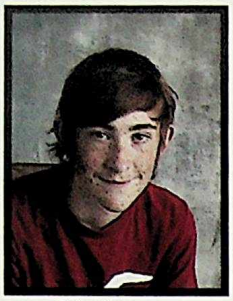
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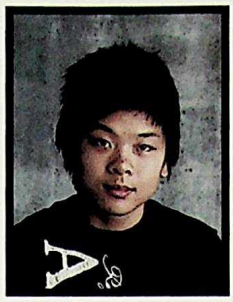
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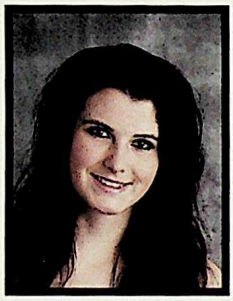
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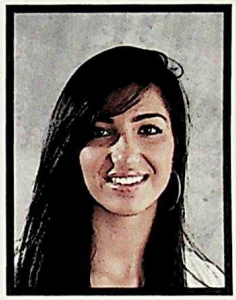
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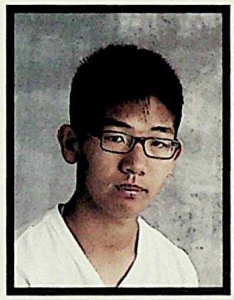
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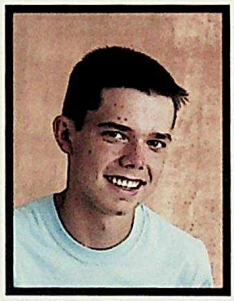
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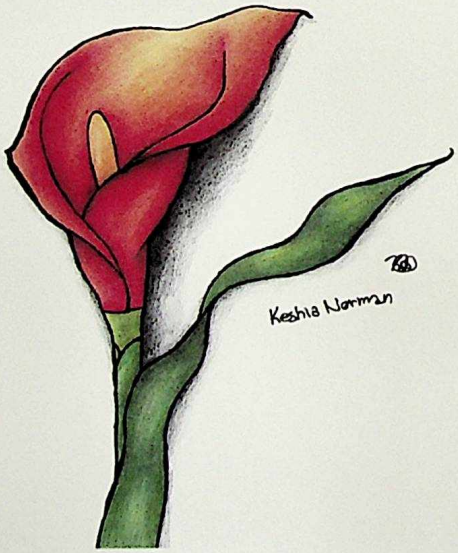

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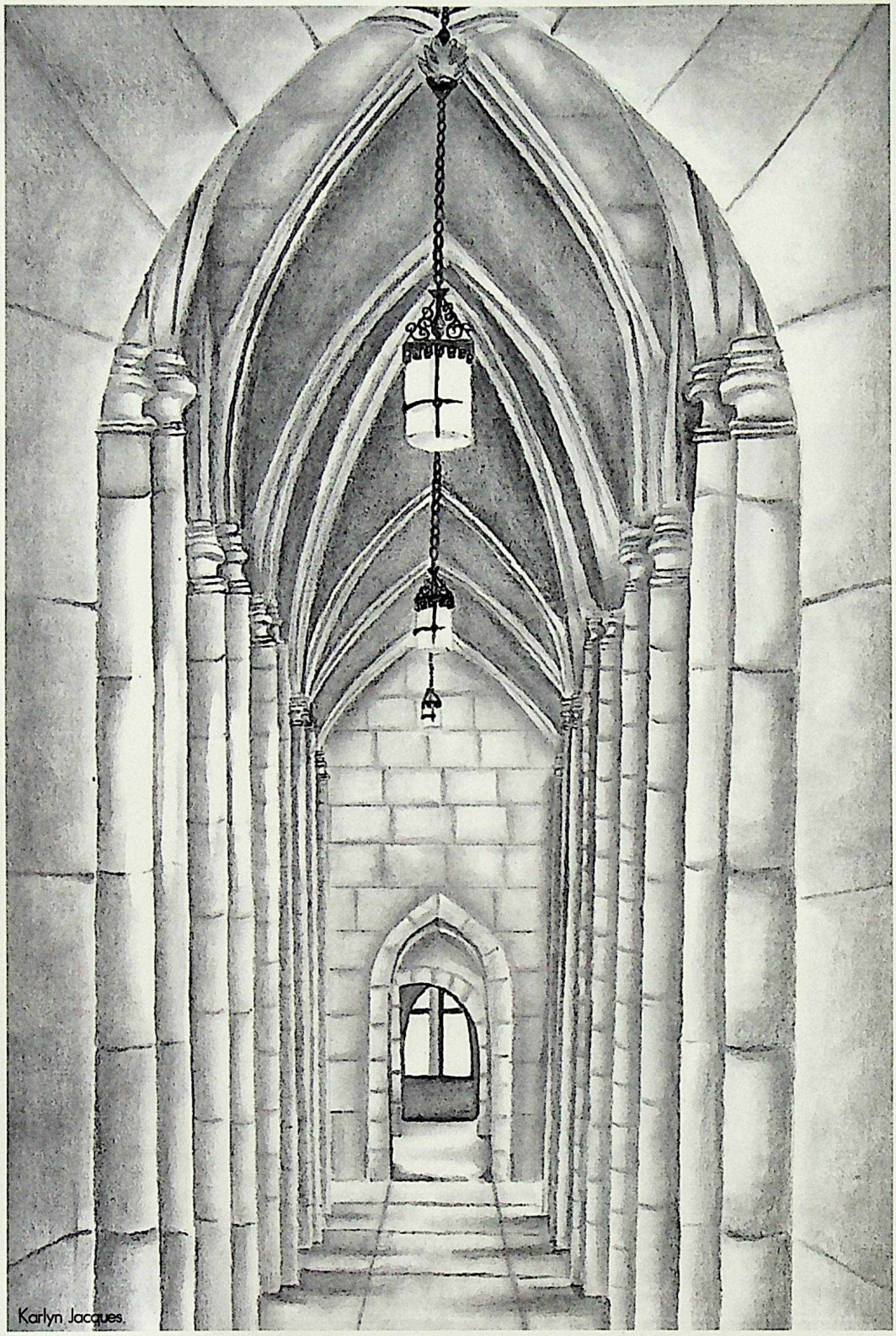

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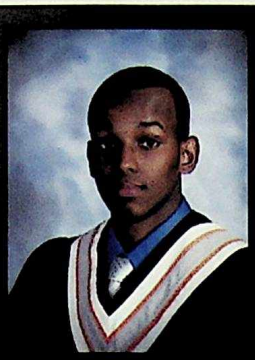

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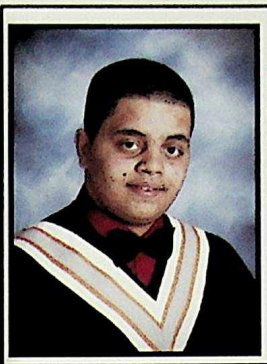

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I see now that the circumstances of one's birth are irrelevant; it is what you do with the gift of life that determines who you are.

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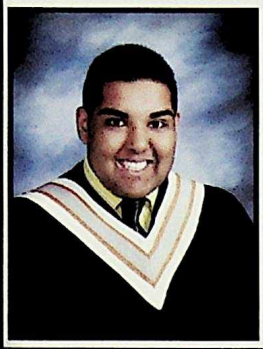
Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine. S/o to Lena <33



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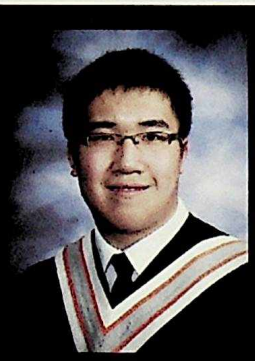
The educated man sees with both heart and mind: the ignoramus sees only with his eyes. — The Holy Qu'ran

Taznim Ali

Alhamdulilah, there are no words to describe how wonderful these past 3 years have been. They say high school is the best years of your life, well its true..we've made friendships and memories that we'll remember and cherish for the rest of our lives. It saddens me that it has come to an end, however this is just the beginning of our journey and I'd like to wish everyone the best of luck for the future. Love you all and here's to the Class of 2012 <3

Merissa Atkinson

How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon? - dr. Seuss



Alec Au

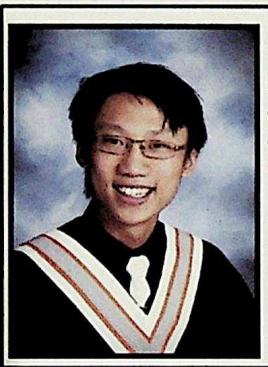
There will come a day in which men no longer cheat each other. And on that day we will see what mankind is truly capable of.

Rebecca Au Duong

"Don't ever forget to believe in yourself, work hard and dream big. If you do that, you will go further than you ever thought possible." -Chuck Comeau

Leila Awada

Congratulations Class of 2012; hamdllah, we made it! I'd like to thank Allah (S.W.T) for his guidance and my parents who were continuously by my side through this rough year; I couldn't have succeeded without them. Hopefully everyone will continue to seek knowledge and strive for success in the future. "Everything becomes more valuable when it's scarce except knowledge which becomes more valuable in abundance." - Imam Ali (a.s)



Calvin Bach

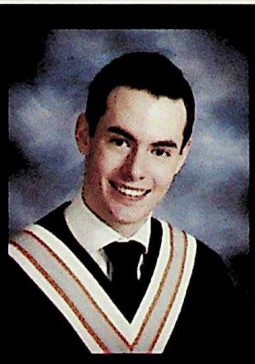
Every step taken in life is a choice so don't regret a single one. DBach - "They told me it was meatballs!"

Priscilla Bennett

Laugh your heart out. Dance in the rain. Cherish the moment. Ignore the pain. Live , Laugh Love. Forgive and forget. Life's to short to be living with regrets.

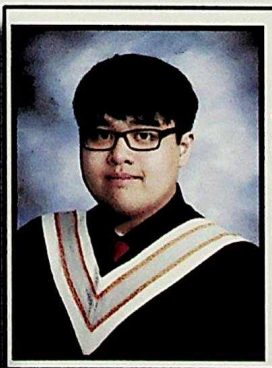
Rebecca Borrelli

Congrats to all the grads of 2012 thanks to my mishayla for making this past year amazing love you forever. <3 and to FC I had the best times with all of you, you guys made my high school experience unforgettable. Also Im so happy to be with my man Deng Ive had so many good memories with you!



Jared Boyle

If you cant win, Lose like a champion. Alpha Kenny forever! Van city, jasper 2012 <3 love you all



Dat Bui

The only person whose opinion matters is your own, don't worry about anybody else. Just be you.

Ashley Candray

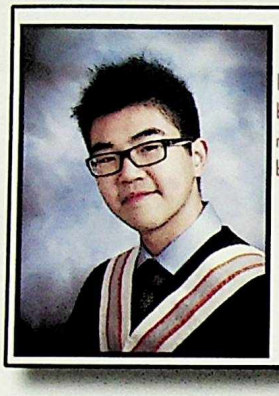
life is like a Poutine: Its pretty good .

Miranda Chalmers-Kertes

Class of 2012 rocks! I'm going to miss everyone I met here. Good luck everyone!

Carly Chan

Cleverly Disguised As A Responsible Student.

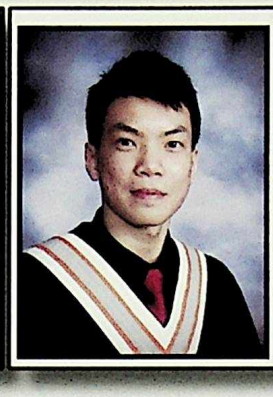


Kalan Chan

I thank all those that have been with me, or against me. You all motivate me to become better thank you all!

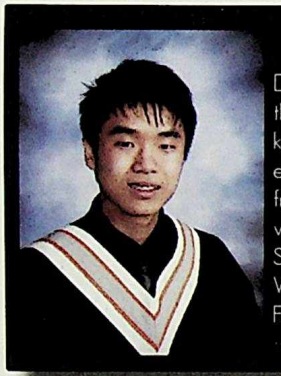
Shiannah Chesser

There are three parts to every story, yours, their and the truth, which lies somewhere between the two. -Acheron Parthenopaeus from the Dark-Hunter series by Sherrilyn Kenyon



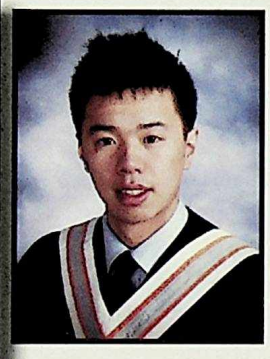
Ian Chin

Thinking the only way to happiness is to win, is the surest way of never being happy. There is no way not to fail, but it doesn't mean there aren't goals worth trying; what's important is striving for the right goal.



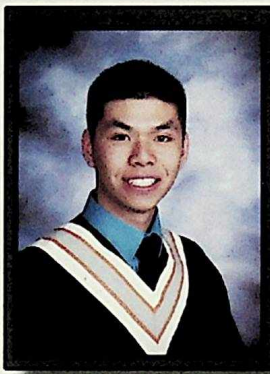
Evan Choi

Dare to explore a world that is bigger than you know." LaZerte was a great experience with wonderful friends and teachers. Never will regret a single moment. Shout out to IB students. We're awesome! SwimTeam FOREVER!



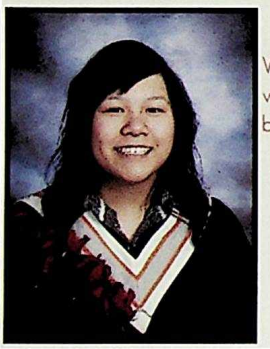
Brandon Chong

To educate yourself for the feeling of gratitude means to take nothing for granted, but to always seek out and value the kindness that stands behind the action. Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for it"



Michael Chow

So glad to meet all the great, amazing, and wonderful people that I have encountered. There's no better year than this! 2012! Love you all. Shout out two all my friends! Someone gimme 50 baks. ~ FB Boss



Carol Chu

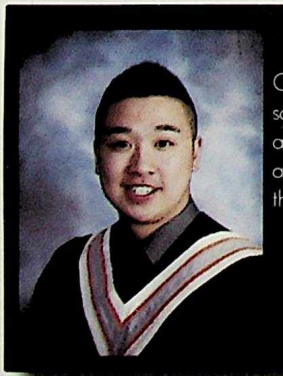
Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.

Brianna Clark

Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there's footsteps on the moon.

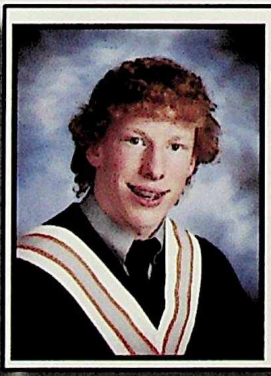
Neweleen Co

Follow your heart, you won't regret it. I know I don't.



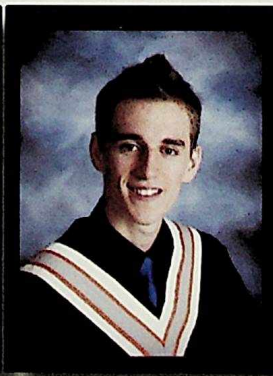
Steven Co

Greatest moment in high school: Coming back from a 13-8 deficit in the 5th set against OSA to make it into the finals! Silver medal, boys!



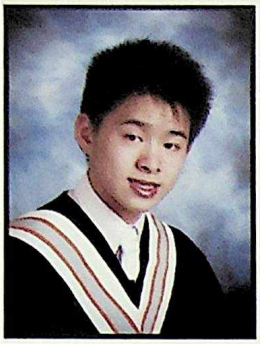
Andrew Cook

Bitties Love Mullets, Che! Life!



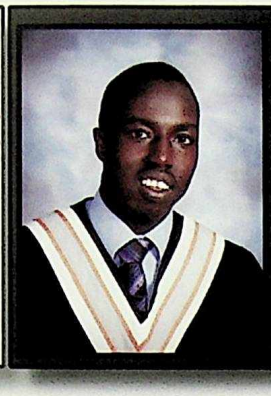
Mark Cowie

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings a happy death. - Leonardo da Vinci



Matthew Dao

So the racoon has finnaly reached maturity and now it is time to unleash this racoon into the real world!@



Deng Dawad

Shoot for the stars.So if you fall, you land on a cloud" 11-19-10, most amazing thing happened in my life here at M.E LaZerte school that day. A day I will always remember.

Connie Diep

Smile. :)

Ferdosa Dubow

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail :) Thanks to those of you who made my three years of high school memorable, my advice to you is "put your future in good hands, your own :)" love you all.

Aminah El Baalbaki

Plan like you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow.

Katie Eliuk

What A Wonderful Thought It Is That Some Of The Best Days Of Our Lives Haven't Happened Yet .

Zaynab Elmi

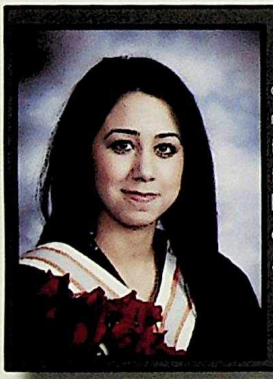
Defeat is not the worst of failures. It's not trying that's the true failure.

Alicia Emsley

Good bye high school and to all the teachers, hello to the new chapter in my life as I end this chapter to look back and to see i may miss it.

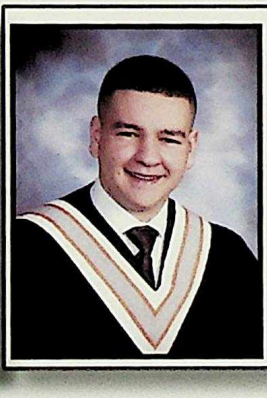
Janine Esplin

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go. - Dr. Seuss Gonna miss all of my friends, these three years with all of you have been a blast.



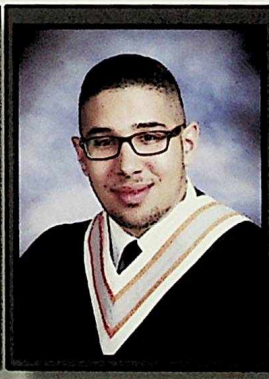
Nadine Ezzeddine

do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path & leave a trail - I love you Reef, always have & always will, don't ever change. (BEATNESS K: A.A, M.I, A.M, B.T <3)



Kamal Farhat

Who else could it be? The one and only Vally-D. Alhamdulilah 4 everything and 4 everyone who helped me. Remember that "hate, greed and envy even scares those in stardom, so if u doin good u better act like u starvin'."

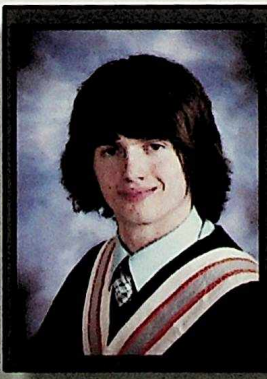


Allec Fayad

Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good gets better and your better is best. PREPERATION, HARD WORK & LEARNING FROM FAILURE-SUCCESS. In West Philly born & raised:) Fresh Prince Out!

Donna Findlay

What ? Donna is evolving ! Congratulations - Donna has evolved into a GRADUATE ! ... feels like just yesterday we were all faking our ages on Nexopia . Class of 2012 <3

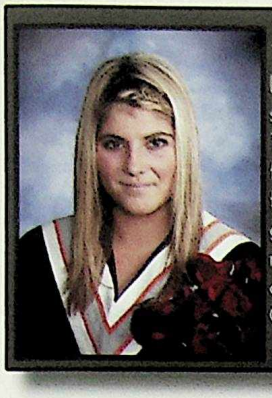


Clayton Finlayson

Scientists now believe that the primary biological function of breasts is to make males stupid.

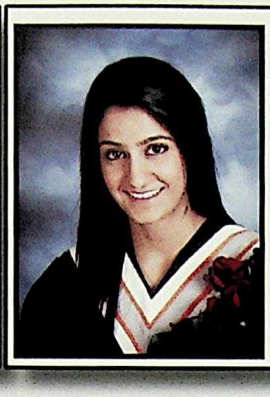
Cathy Fung

L-ove every choice you make, I-nspire others, F-ear nothing, E-ndure all hardships



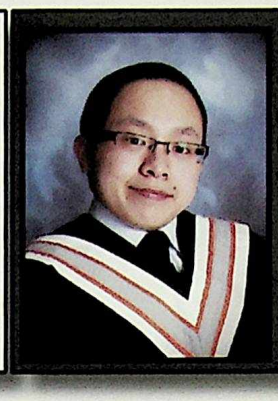
Ashley Gawlik

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. Thank you for the support from my amazing family, friends and teachers. I'm glad to have made many new friendships and to have old ones get even stronger. Congrats everyone!



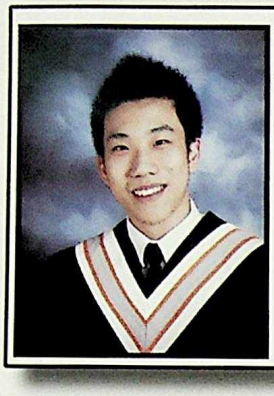
Jasmin Gill

Handle yourself with integrity, conquer everything that you do. Friends with Amrit until the end



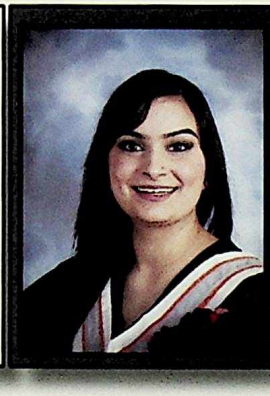
Jeremy Goh

Success is sweet; the sweeter if long delayed and attained through manifold struggles and defeats.



Mecca Gong

That was one heck of a year



Amrit Grewal

Had my greatest year of high school with Jasmin, and Manit; I'm really gonna miss it !

Jaanek Grewal

You're braver than you believe stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. You'll be missed Class of 2012 <3 K.S & C.P

Manit Grewal

Wherever you go, go with all your heart & shoutout to Anves and Jas! <3

Anna Ha

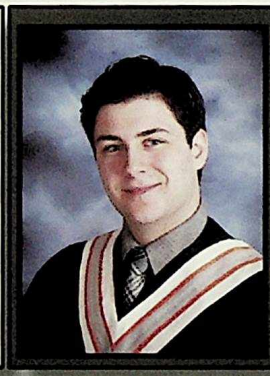
Wolf Mountain Sundance.

Jintana Hamaluk

Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore.

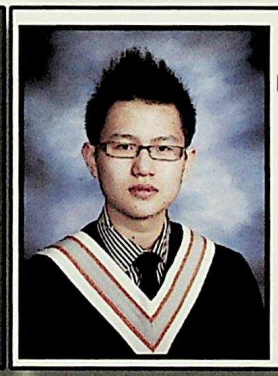
Crystal Han

It's not enough that I should succeed - others should fail.



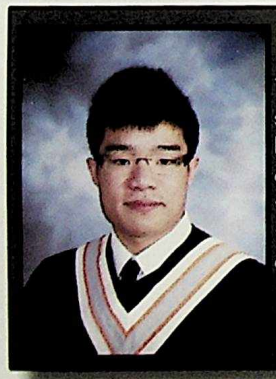
Tamer Harb

"Nostalgia - it's delicate, but potent. Teddy told me that in Greek nostalgia literally means "the pain from an old wound." It let's us travel the way a child travels - around and around, and back home again, to a place where we know are loved." Don Draper



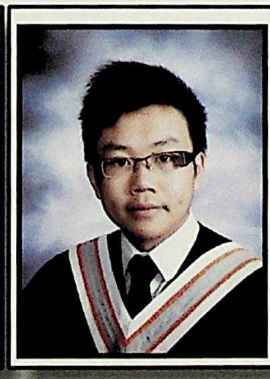
Damon Ho

IT'S MORPHIN TIME



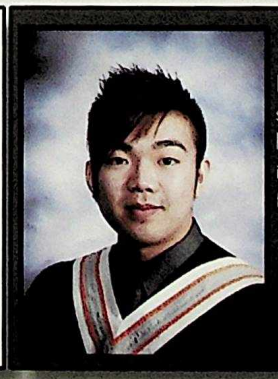
Brandon Hoang

Thankyou Mom & Dad for supporting me all these years, Love you guys. Thankyou to all my friends that have stuck with me through thick and thin. Congratulations and best of luck to all graduates!!



William Hoang

Make wise choices. Time must be used efficiently. Every second counts, don't put it to waste. "The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once." – Albert Einstein. Congratulations Class'12!



Ricky Hua

I'm just typing this message so my blurb isn't blank. I don't have anything intellectual or inspiring to say compared to the others.

Jill Hugman

Have you ever wondered if there was more to life, other than being really, really, ridiculously good looking? - Zoolander

Nada Ibrahim

Leaving high school with memories to last a lifetime, it was the amazing people I spent my time with who made it unforgettable. You know who you are, I love you all <3

Munira Ikar

freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes. -Ghandi (BEATNESS K: NE, BT, MO, AA, AM <3)

Lena Ilyas

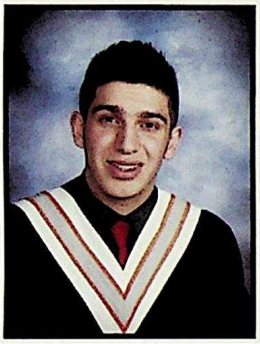
I know it seems hard sometimes but remember one thing through every dark night there's a bright day , no matter how hard it gets stick you chest out keep your head up and handle it -tupac s/o to my lovers Hawa/ Walaa/Ferdosa/&Bryony got me thought school much love to everyone ! <33

Ayan Ismail

These three years of highschool was amazing, definitely going to miss alot of people #classof2012 !

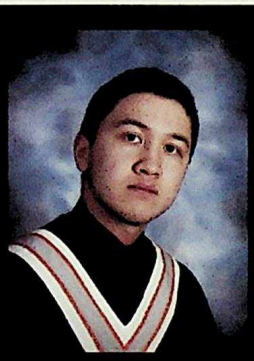
Brianna Jurina

We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little bit of each other. We did it, VGS Class of 2012!



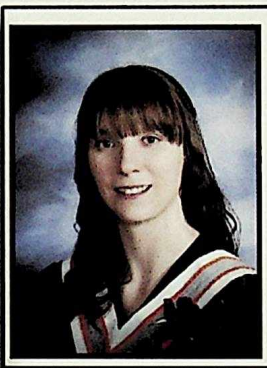
Mohamed Kadri

Voyageurs where you all at! I want to thank my teachers for helping me succeed especially Mr.Wynn, Mr.Sumyk, Mrs.Moore. Now to my boys much love especially Fouzy, and all u girls especially my bestie, I will miss u all.



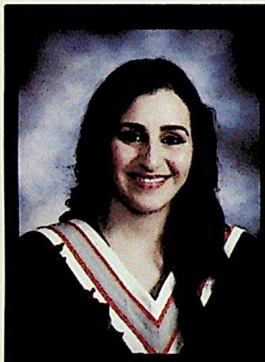
Kurshat Kamili

When I say, I'll miss School, i mean my friends and the fun... not the school.



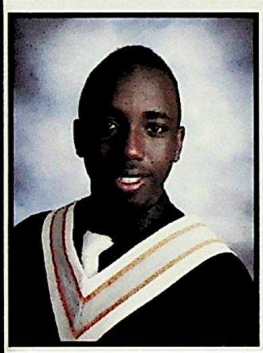
Brooklyn Kazmir

Thanks For The Best 3 Years Of My Life Guys! It's Been A Blast! Never Change You All Are Great! Good Luck With Your Futures. Vball/Bball/ Swim/Choral =)



Hanna Khamis

Most memorable 3 years & met lots of great people =)



Marvin Kimanje

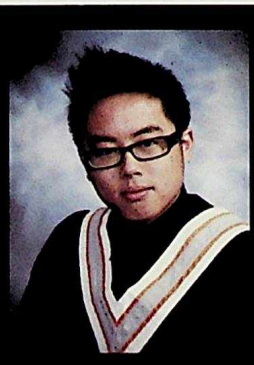
great soccer player and smart

Nikita Kumar

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. -Mahatma Gandhi

Anastasiya Kvashyna

I'll treasure such audacious change, I always believe in the childish hopes.



Steven Kwan

Get Ripped or Die Mirin

Sheila Lau

If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning. -Catherine Aird

Vincent Law

yeah, youre pretty cool!

Sydnie Lazina-Harold

Enjoy the little things, because one day you will look back and realise they were the big things.

Christine Lee

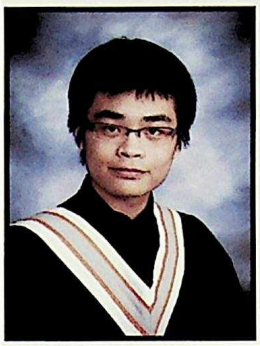
Amazing staff, students and diversity brings this school together. Never forget the memories created with one another even after we walk out the doors of LaZerte. Once a Voyageur, Always a Voyageur. Good Luck and Best Wishes to all 2012 Graduates, it was great knowing you all !!

Stephanie Lee

Live life with passion and integrity~no matter what, its just an uphill battle from here

Kendra Lemmen

forget the risk & take the fall , if it's what you want , then it's worth it all . <3 we did it guys ! class of 2012 <3

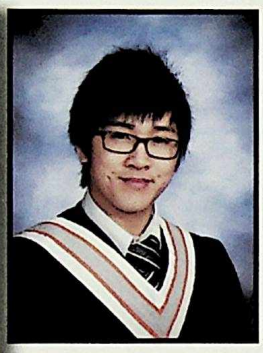


Felix Leong

To me, my friends are my family.

Emily Li

Let us leave behind remarkable footprints~

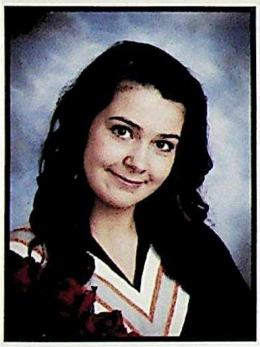


Kalvin Li

My wife, I love you! - Li Zhihao

Keyana Liber

I think everybody's weird. We should all celebrate our individuality and not be embarrassed or ashamed of it. -Johnny Depp. Love all of my 5 BAC's, my girls! Always in my heart! And of course all of my ukies!



Jessica Libon

Don't hate the player hate the game. Arts & Crafts with Epring. Holler at FC <3

Sokha Long

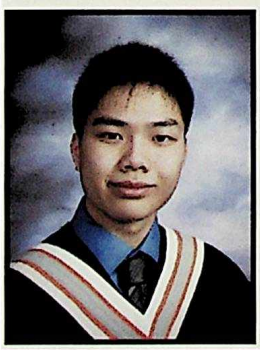
Success is simple. Do what's right the right way, at the right time and if that doesn't work, "skip school, create your own lessons" -Tyga

Vickie Loo

3 years of highschool and we are finally done. Swim team was beyond amazing. Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

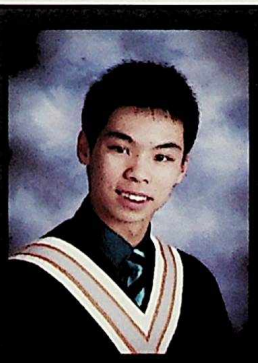
Amanda Ly

It feels like yesterday was the first day of high school and now its over. Although we cannot relive high school, the memories will always be there. Now we all go our separate ways to follow our hearts and chase our dreams. Best wishes to everyone in the future!



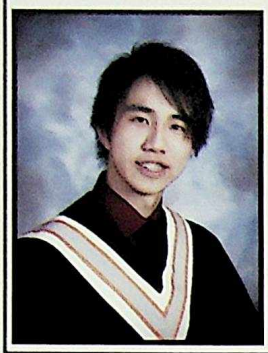
Austin Ma

Thanks to all 534 of my friends for making my high school years the BEST! (trying to sound like I have lots of friends)



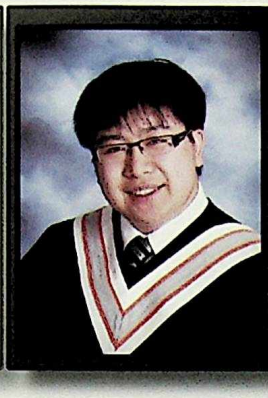
Colyn Ma

Swimming is a real sport; everything else is just a game. Do your best and never give up. Have Confidence. Be Determined. Have Integrity. Be Passionate. Have Perseverance. Be Respectful. MEL Swim Team for Life! Congratulations to all my graduating friends and loved ones. You will all be missed! <3



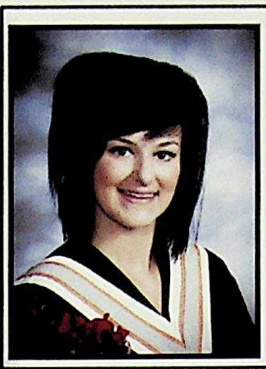
David Ma

I'm not a role model or a Dr. Seuss. Yo I'm a gangsta. - Eazy-E



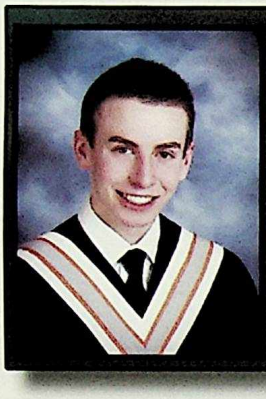
Kevin Mack

Unattainable dreams. are the best kind



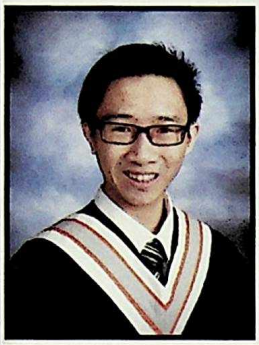
Meagan Mack

There's many memories in these halls that will stick with me forever, and i've made many new friends that will stay by my side as well as my old friends. Shout out to my CCC'S SR.MR.BR.SE.MO.SL. KL.JP.KM.JM <3 FOREVER.



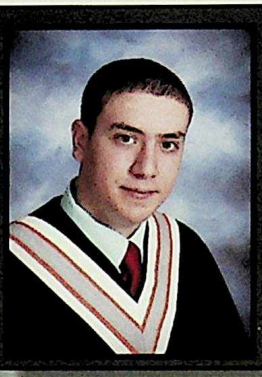
Tanner Mack

The places I've been, the people I met, the knowledge I've gained, all account for who I am, who I'm not, and who I wish to become.



Eric Mah

Build a man a fire, and he'll be warm for a day. Set a man on fire, and he'll be warm for the rest of his life. They thought ESLDling was Eternal Senior Leader David Liang... But it's really English as a Second Language David Liang.



Mostafa Mahfouz

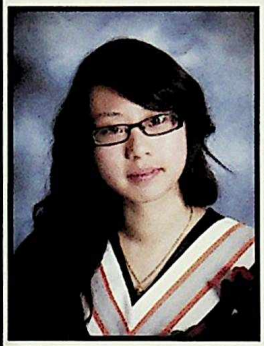
I want to thank all my friends, classmates, and all my teachers and to all the boys and girls that made this year amazing, especially Kadz and my bff. Thank everyone for possibly the 3 greatest years of my life. - Fouzy

Kristyn Mahoney

Thanks to everyone who made my high school life memorable! Love you all forever! Best of luck in the future; "Keep on dreaming even if it breaks your heart." Also thank you to all of my coaches! <3

Courtny Maltby

It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are. –ee Cummings. It was amazing watching everyone grow up and find their place! Keep looking! Years from now I won't remember what we laughed about, but I will remember everyone who made me laugh.



Nicole Maung

Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind - Dr. Seuss

Byllie McBain

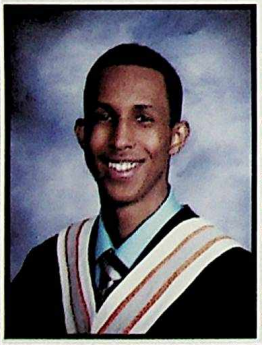
I'm pretty sure there's a lot more to life than being really, really, ridiculously good looking. And I plan on finding out what that is.

Giselle McLeod Gray

GRADUATION 2012 !! With perseverance and faith I am now an M.E LaZerte graduate who works too hard to be ballin on a budget. Thanks to my spectacular family and FC who have been with me through it all:)

Markijana Melymick

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. -Dr. Seuss

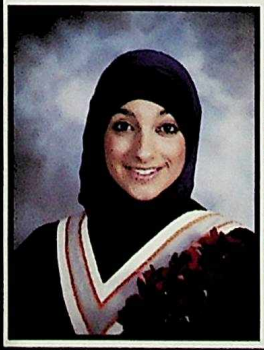


Jabar Mohamed

Salamu alakum everyone, M.E lazerte was a great experience for me overall. I met new friends, played some NIIIICE BALL, and got the oppourtunity to learn from the best teacher. I just wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Callegari , and Mr. Dunwoody.

Jenna Molofy

Don't live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable. Once a Voyageur ALWAYS a Voyageur. Let us dance in the sun, wearing wild flowers in our hair... ~Susan Polis Shutz

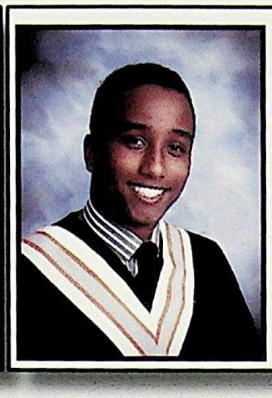


Alaa Moursel

s/o to N.E ! I love everyone and every great memory and experience I've had over the past three years , congratulations to all and best of luck ! Thanks to E.H, M.K, I.K, Z.A.L.R.S.R.H.S, N.I, but most importantly Taznim Ali

Nakita Mudaliar

Now is the time for us to shine, the time when our dreams are in reach and possibilities, vast. Now is the time for all of us to become the people we always dreamed of being.



Mohamoud Mudei

Thanks Based God for everything you've done for me, woop woop swag.

Hardeep Natt

Met some cool people these past 3 years. Through the ups and downs, I wouldn't change a thing. Shout out to FC. Congrats Voyageurs!

Solveig Nesse

Thank you everyone for an amazing 3 years and thank you h.natt and the rest of FC for shaping me into the person I am today, the kind of person I used to dream of becoming. Good luck to everyone!

An Nguyen

Congratulations everybody, we made it! It's hard to believe that High School has come to an end already. Three great years, thank you to everyone that has been a part of it, lots of love. :) "It does not matter how slow you go, so long as you do not Stop.

Sylvia Nguyen

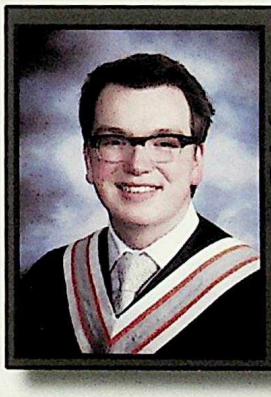
I didn't choose the thug life, the thug life chose me. -Tupac

Vivian Nguyen

Started with doubts but finished with clarity, good-bye onerous and ambiguous years.

Cheyanne Nichols

These past three years have absolutely been the most memorable, some good some not so good. But what would high school be like without some drama! High school will always be a huge impact in a persons life. Just make sure it is a good impact.

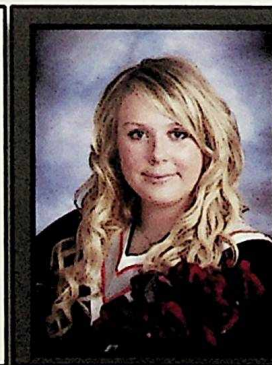


Levi Nuttall

The meaning of life, the universe, and everything ... is 42. And that's my story about that. Don't Panic.

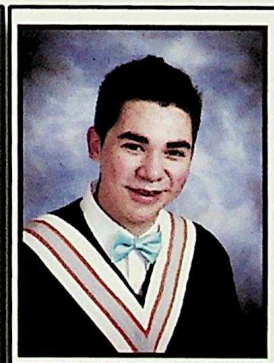
Bryony Louise Ogley

Thanks everyone for a great year! Grads of 2012! WE MADE IT! Shout out to my girl Li!! <3



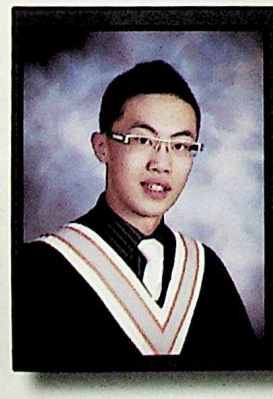
Jessica Onushko

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them - Walt Disney. Through the ups and downs we finally made it, were graduated. Thanks to FC for showing me what it means to be strong (they don't call it Fight Club for nothing) and for the people in my life who make the ride that much sweeter. AP <3



Andrew Paiz

Okay so, these past 2 years were fun!! FC: I love ya'll so much its cray. Thank ya'll for the support! Mom, I love you dearly and to the CLASS OF 2012, leave your heads and your heart on the dancefloor cuz we made it!! Luvs judes!



Alva Pan

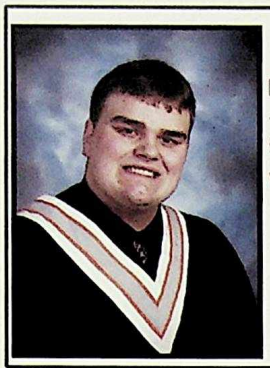
Quick, crazy, wild, awesome, memorable. I can't believe these three years went by so fast, totally wish I could time travel and relive my high school years. Also want to thank my teachers and friends for all your support and help. "To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only dream, but also believe." (Anatole France)

Manjot Pandher

Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Aim for success, not perfection. David Burns

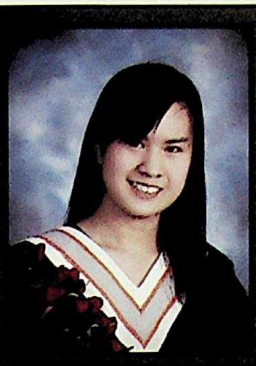
Christina Paul

The ones that think they are crazy enough to change the world, are usually the ones who do.Congratulations Class of 2012:3 D.B & K.S



Darien Peddle

Do or do not, there is no try - Yoda. I, Sarge, bequeath my fitness locker 75 to the next year's Defensive Linemen

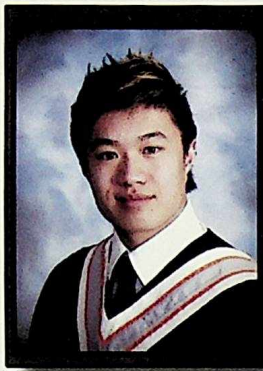


Isabelle Pham

Pain is temporary, but success is forever.

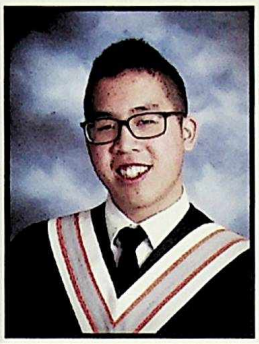
Jennifer Phan

After three years of high school, I learned some valuable things: Be Yourself, Take Risks, and Live Life to the Fullest. Congratulations Class of 2012! Thank you for making my high school memories full of happiness! :) Best of Wishes!



Phillip Phuong

There is never a time to be mad - A Famous Philosopher 2012-2012. TEAM!.



Darren Poon

wud b laff - Martin Luther King, class of 1932-1933.

Emily Prete

I didn't choose the thug life, the thug life chose me. Arts & crafts with jlibs, brawling with FC <3

Kennedy Radesh

Long live the walls we crashed through, while the kingdom lights shined just for me and you. T Swift.. To all the graduates of 2012, we pushed ourselves to an all time high, but don't ever stop there... Keep on Trucking!!!

Navinder Rai

Always work your hardest and never lose faith. Enjoy the time you have and always be grateful. I am grateful to God, my parents, my supportive teachers and my friends. "It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be" (Harry Potter)

Yumna Rashid

Trust in God, but tie your camel

Stephanie Rayner

Congrats to all my fellow graduates! Class of 2012, we made it! Shoutout to my girls mm, mr, mo, se, sl, br and the rest of my CCC's <3 xoxo.

Brittney Redmond

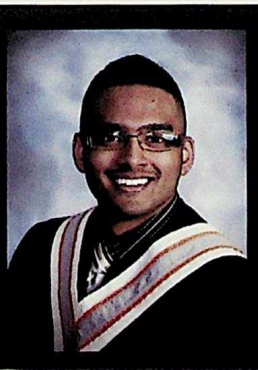
Best 3 years of my life! Amazing memories. (football games, parties, grad, choral trips to bc, turning 18, and the soccer team) bestfriends- k.l. k.k. s.r. m.m. j.p. a.m. s.l. s.e. j.m. 5BAC&TLGW love you all! <3 congrats class of 2012! we did it! :)

Mishayla Rocque

congrats to all my fellow graduates. wanted to give a shout out to rebecca borelli for helping me threw kindergarden to now , luuv youu girl mwaah!

Sarah Salman

Goodbye M.E.! It is the end of getting the gift of strikes and getting Colped ;) I will miss all of my teachers, friends, and classmates. Good luck to all and remember that fortune favours the strong. Bonne chance!!



Abdulrahman Samad

Never apologize for your imperfections; It's like apologizing for being human. You can't go back and start a new beginning, but you can always start today and make a new ending. Thanks to those who helped me realize its never too late to change.

Heba Sandouga

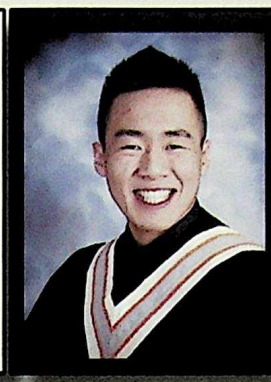
Alhamdulilah these past three years were the greatest years of my life. Shout out to L.R. S.R. B.Y. K.Y. N.I. L.K. A.M. T.A. M.M. S.H. M.K. K.K and I.A<3. We're all going our separate ways but no matter what, always remember the amazing times we all had:D!

Sharon Saw

All you have to do is be yourself and live the story that no one else can live - the story of your own unique life. Be proud. Be confident. And most of all, be happy.

Jaime Semotiuk

Senior Women's Volleyball Gold Medalists 2012! We did it ladies! Sports do not build character. They reveal it. -Haywood Hale Broun



Yany Siek

Goodluck to everyone! -Cell Rida featuring Y Pain

Anish Singh

3 years @ M.E came fast. Just Grade 10 I found myself looking for all of my classes and now Gr.12 where life has opened up for me. I'm gonna miss the IB Program here @ M.E and the friends I have made over the 3 years @ M.E ! I swear M.E is an amazing school!!

Jill Sliwkanich

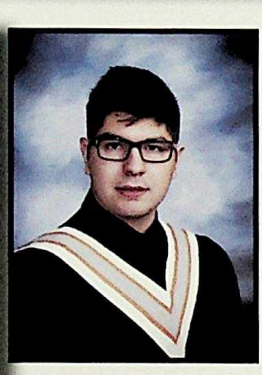
Nobody's a natural. You work hard to get good and then work to get better. Alphamale <3

Haley Smyth

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..."

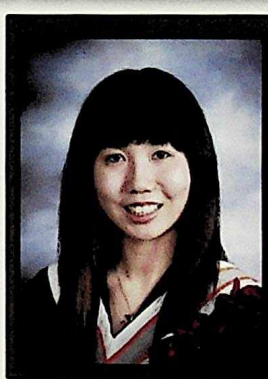
Sarah Stein

Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning



Eddie Tarrabain

think big , Dream Bigger, Work even Harder - E.T.



Jenny Thai

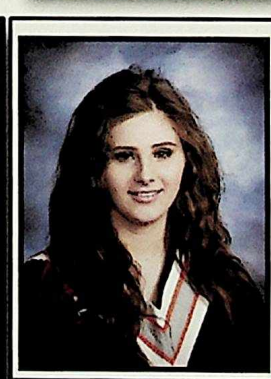
The sun's still shining behind those gray clouds, so keep your chin up for tomorrow is another chance. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2012!

Amy Thi

Turn your dreams into wishes, wishes into goals, goals into reality, then your dreams will come true. To the class of 2012, go forth with your life, live it with pride and live it smiling, exploring, dreaming for more.

Jordan Tiller

Here's to 3 years of our lives we'll never forget! Wish everyone the best in their future! CLASSOF2012 =)



Briana Trefanenko

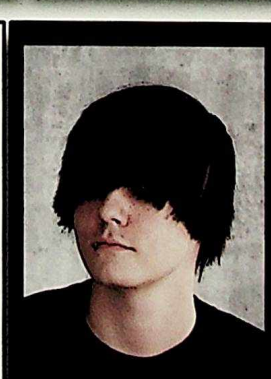
your off to great places, today is our day, your life is waiting so get on your way (BEATNESS K: NE, AA, MI, AM, MO <3)

Vivian Trinh

Meet me in Montauk.

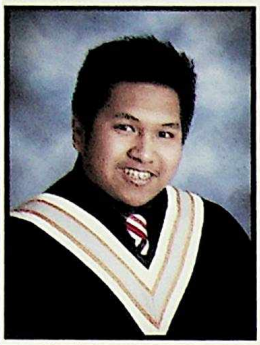
Charlene Tsao

You are not merely here to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. -Woodrow Wilson



Nicholas Twells Mijajlovic

It's sad.

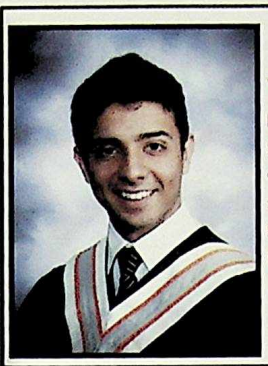


George Villoga

Live in the moment because every second you spend angry or upset is a second of happiness you can never get back. Shout out to my friends, BETLOGZ for life!!!

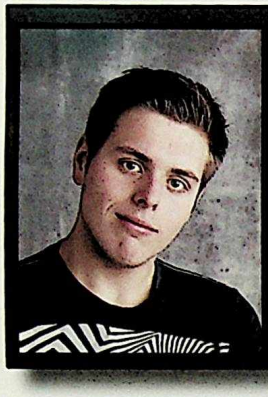
Jessica Vuong

always believe in yourself and never give up when times are hard ! highschool wouldn't have been the same without all my friends <3 thanks to AL NH JN BK #belieberforever #justinbieber



Shamez Walji

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

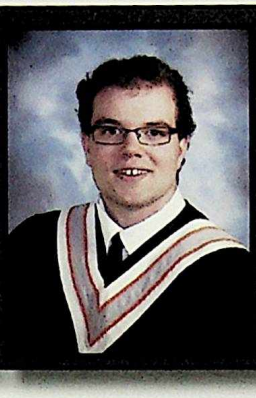


Matthew Warren

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves -William Shakespeare

Sarah Waterhouse

13 years of school for this! Congrats class of 2012 good luck in the future

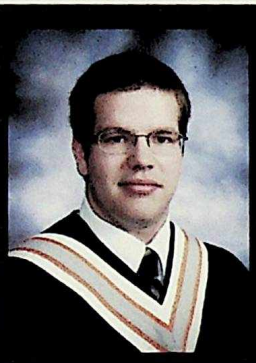


Shawn Wildeman

Wow I can't believe high school is over already. Where does the time go? I've had an excellent adventure during my years of school. My hard work has finally payed off and I'm looking forward to what the future brings.

Robbie Wilson

nothing is true everything is permitted



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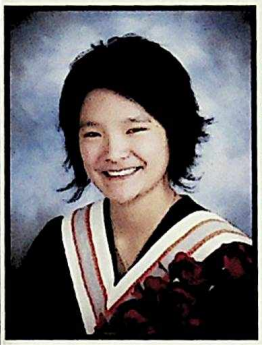
Best 3 years of my life, cant believe its over but we did it !!!!

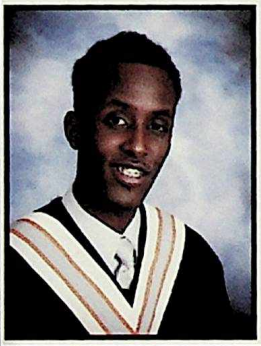


Cynthia Wong

We always plan for someday, until that someday passes by. That's life. We spend time wanting, pursuing until it's too late to say or do something. Say it. Do it. Don't wait. Make a wish and believe it with all you got

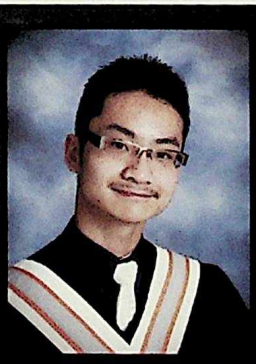
Jenna Wong

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.



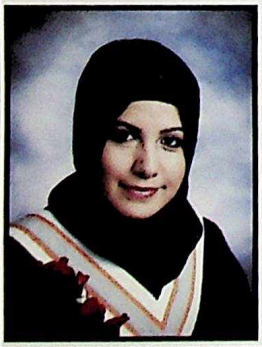
Luqman Yassin

Alhamdulillah we finally made it!!! I wanna thank my family and friends and everyone who made high school memorable. It's been 3 great years of fun and laughs... now on to the next one, class of 2012!!!



Benjamin Yeung

Never Give Up Never Surrender, Thats what my Friends, Teachers and, of course, My family has taught me, and will be something I will never forget !

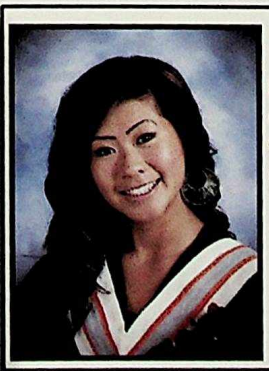


Busra Yildirim

Amazing 3 years of my life at Lazerte! Thanks to everyone for making it so memorable, especially to my besties KY, HS, LR, SR, TA, AM, NI. Alhamdulillah for everything! :) GOODBYE LAZERTE! YOU WILL BE MISSED!!

Kubra Yildirim

Alhamdulillah! Best 3 years of my life,& it's all thanks to B.Y.H.S.L.R.S.R.T.A.N.I.A.M!



Judy Yue

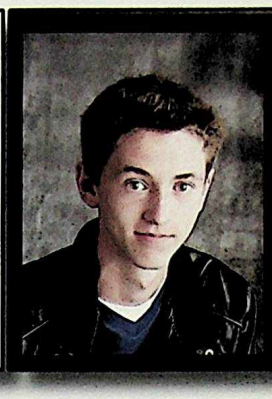
Luvs FC, thanks for making my year perfect, WHOOP CLASS OF 2012. Andrew, te amo tu. xoxo

Winnie Zhu

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." -Anatole Congratulations class of 2012.

Kara Zilinski

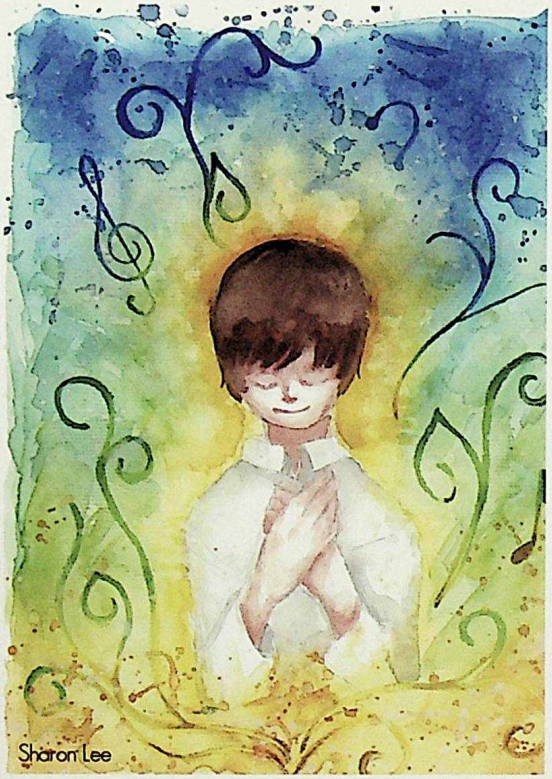
Hakuna Matata. It means no worries, for the rest of our days! Thank you everyone for all the amazing memories! I wish you all the best of luck in the future!



Lucas Zym

A truly wise man never plays leapfrog with a unicorn.

Artists at LaZerte



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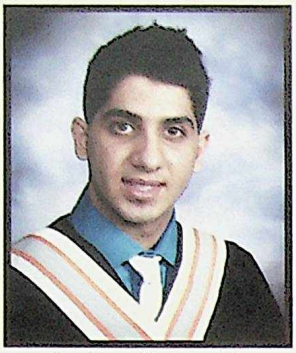
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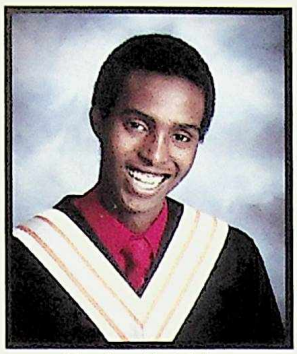
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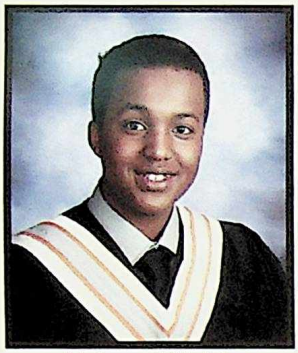
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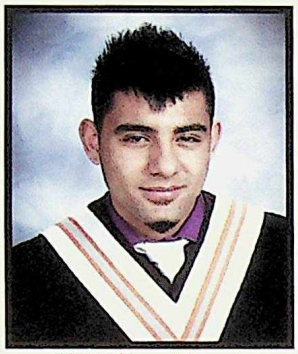
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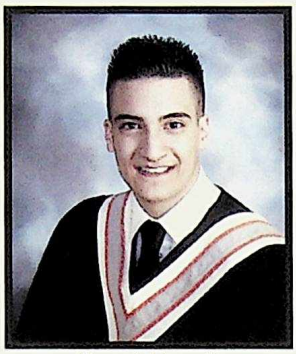
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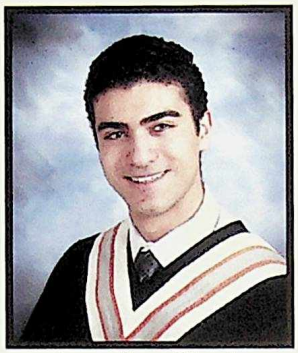
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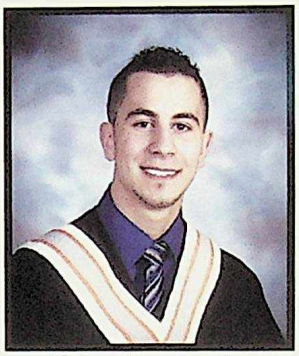
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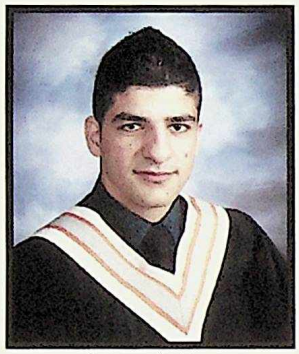
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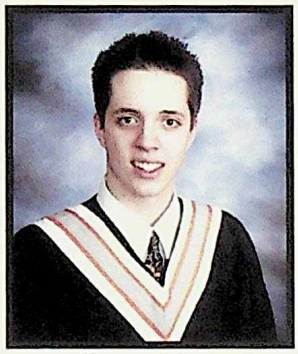
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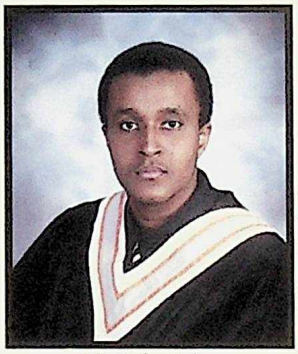
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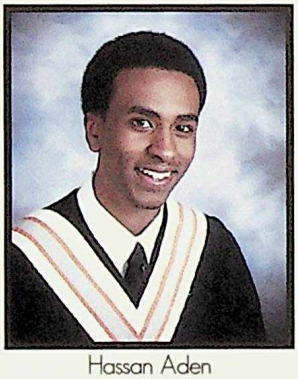
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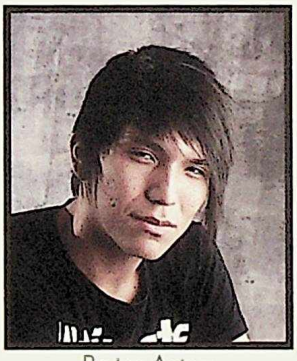
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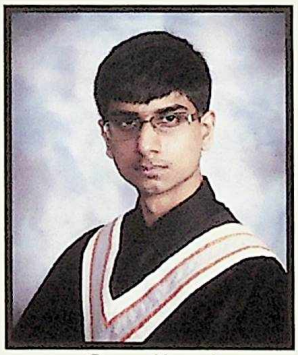
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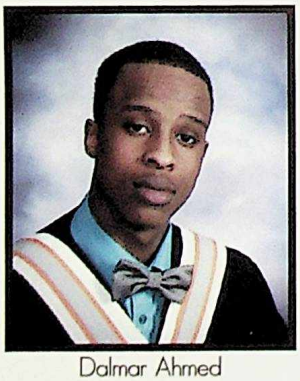
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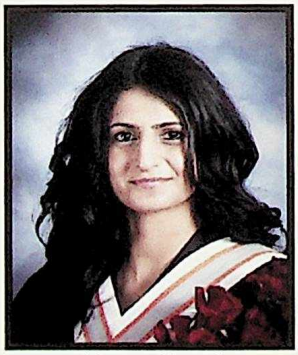
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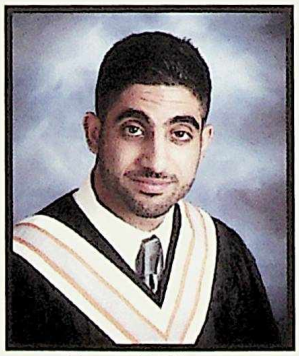
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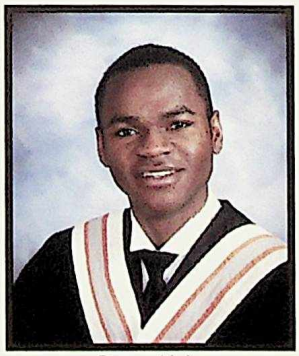
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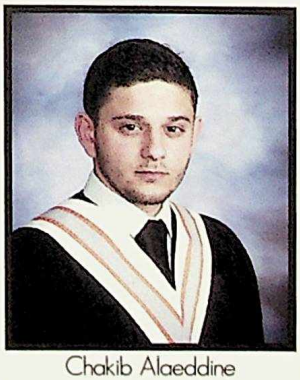
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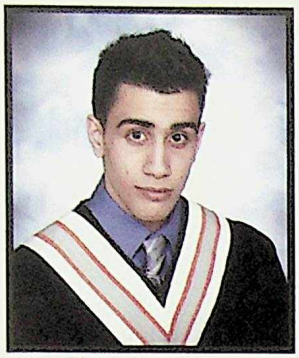
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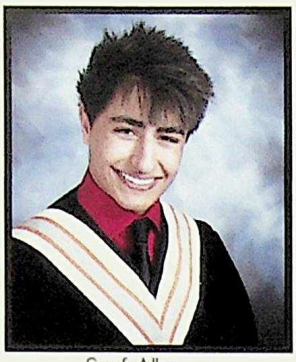
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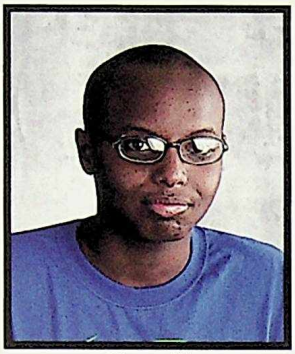
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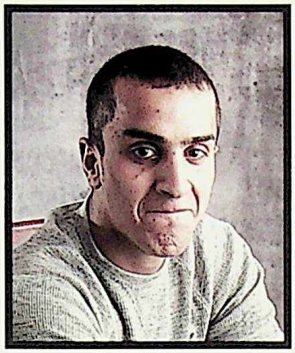
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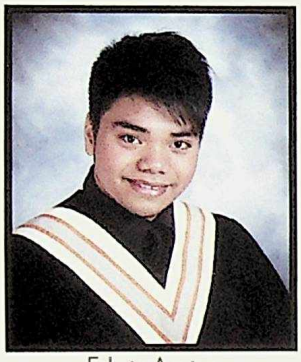
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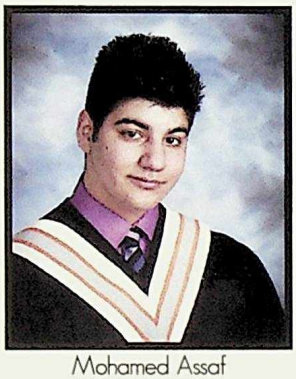
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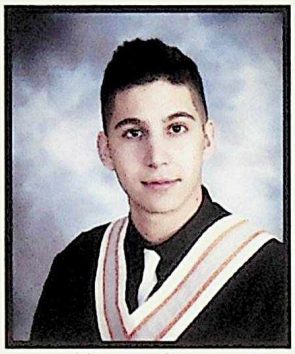
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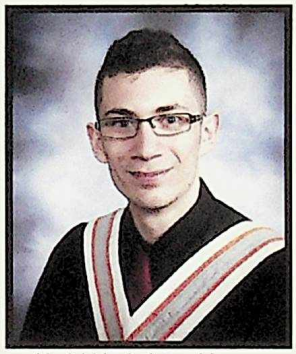
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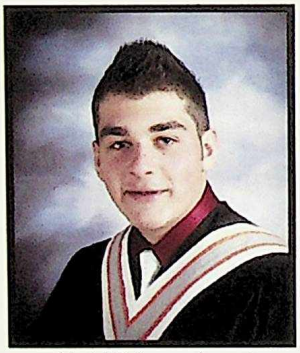
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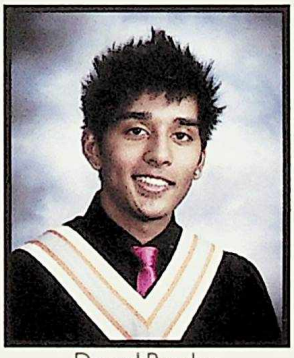
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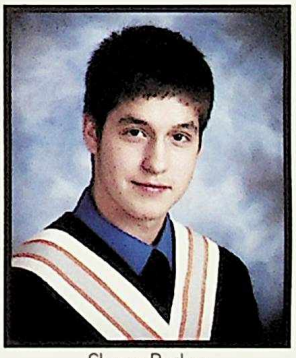
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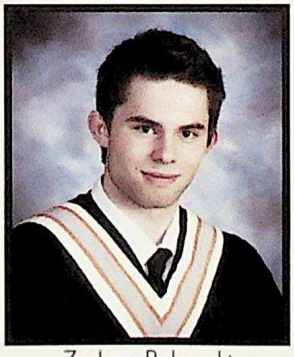
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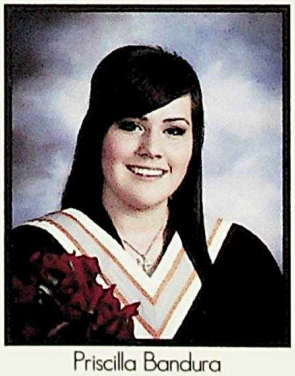
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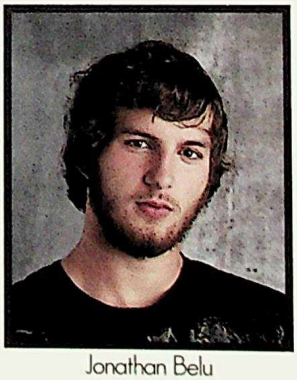
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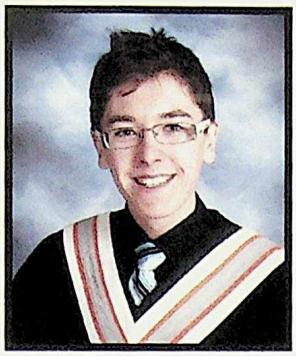
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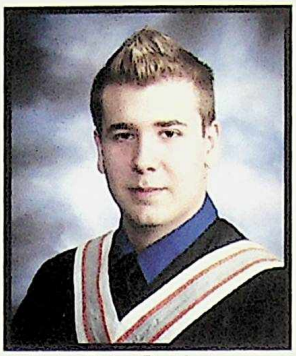
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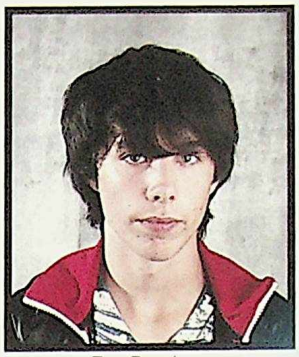
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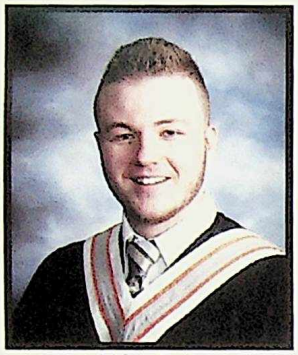
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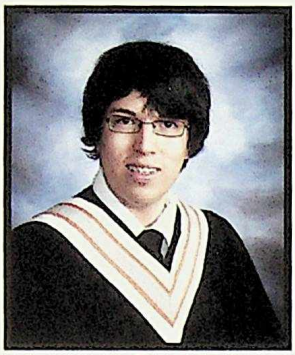
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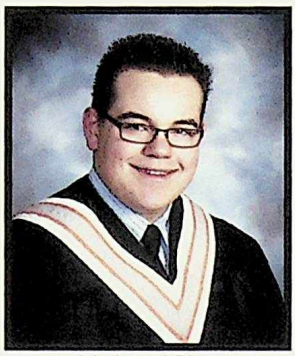
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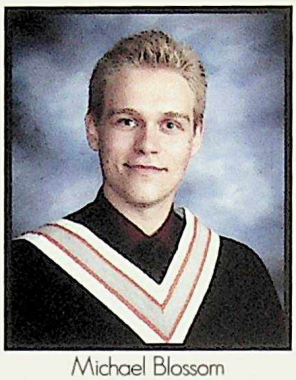
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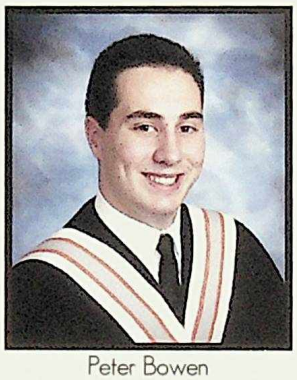
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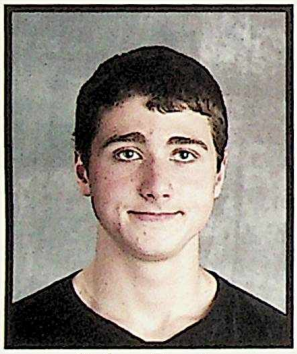
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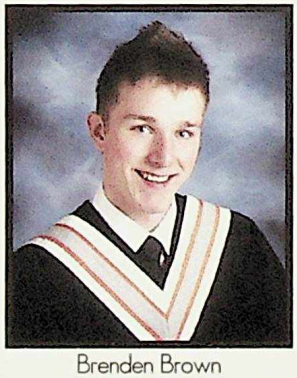
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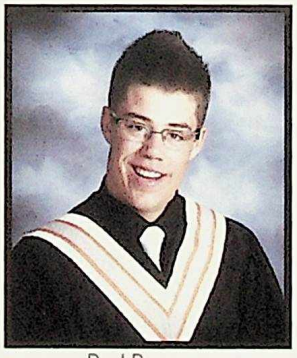
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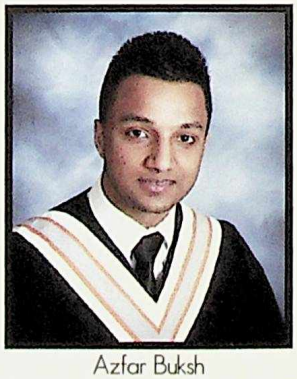
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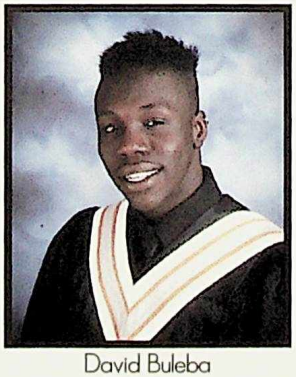
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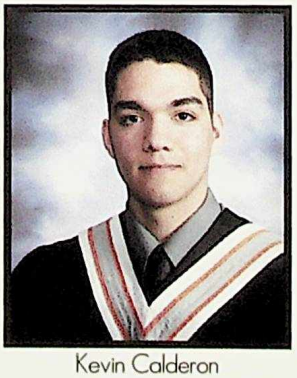
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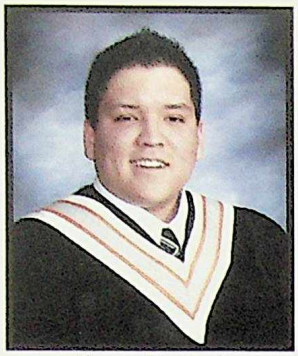
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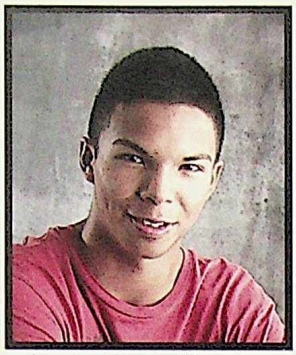
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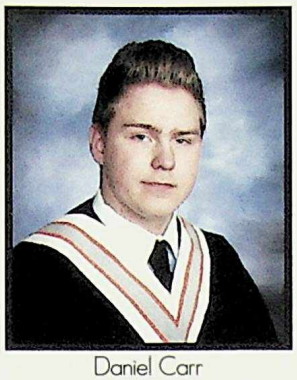
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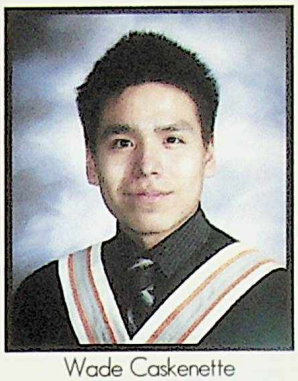
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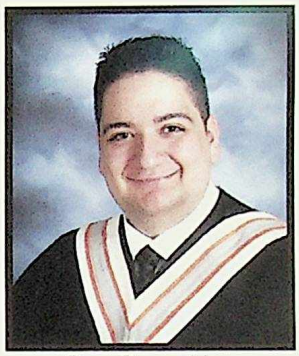
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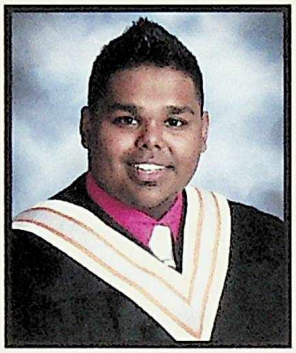
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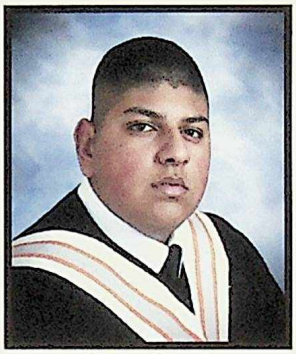
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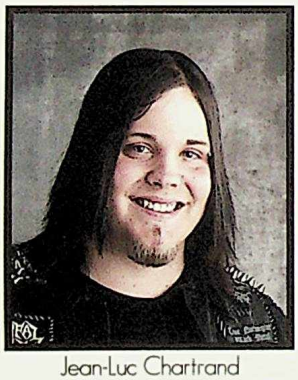
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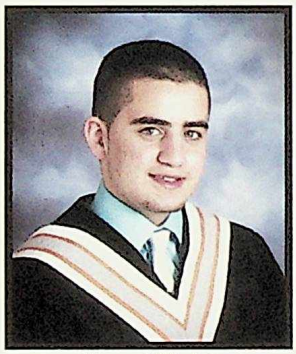
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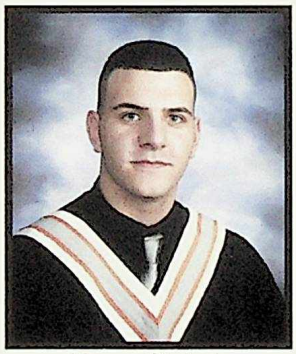
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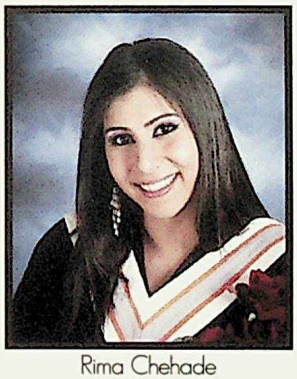
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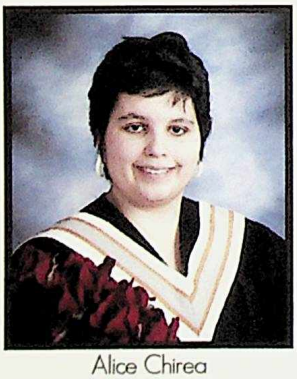
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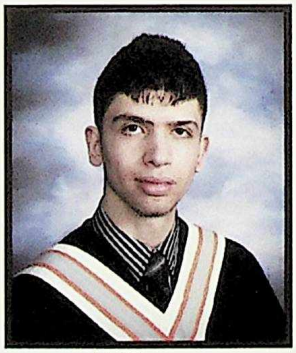
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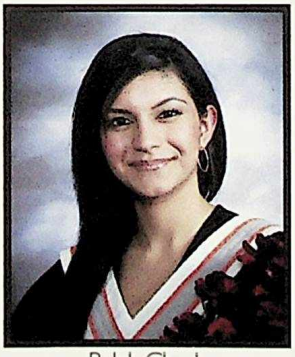
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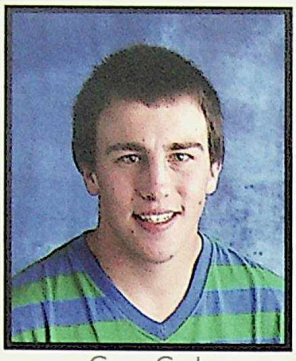
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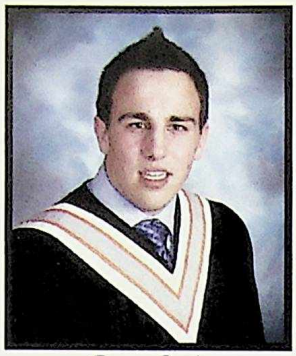
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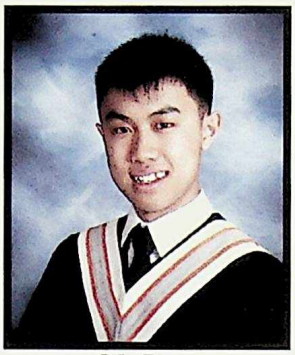
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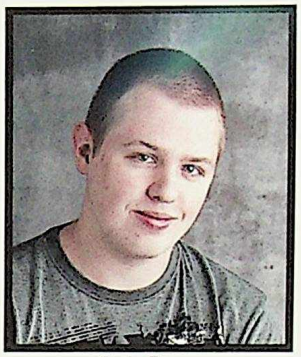
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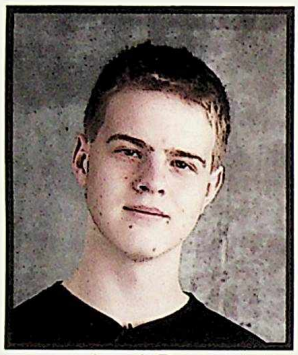
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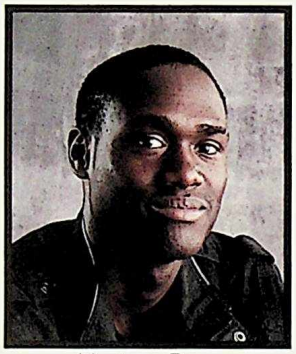
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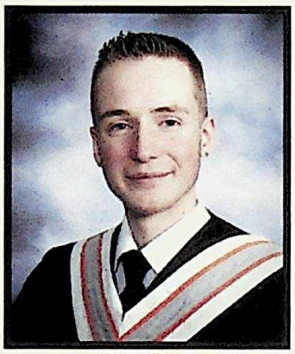
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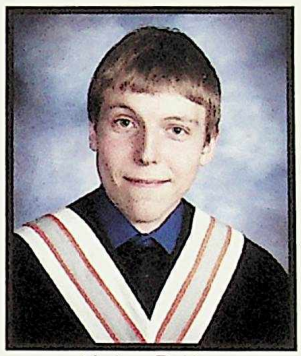
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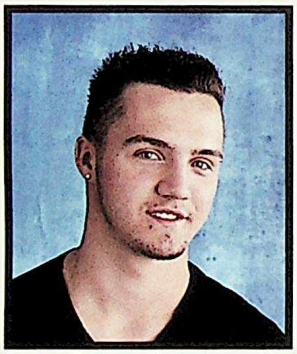
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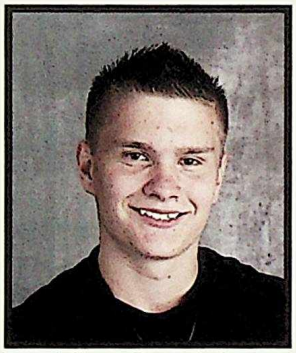
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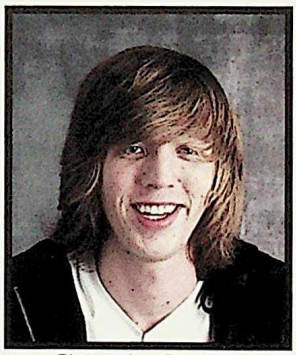
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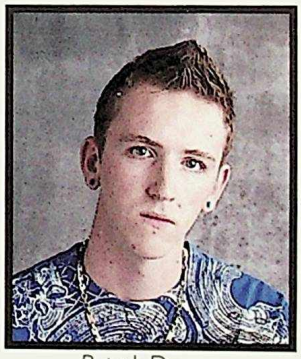
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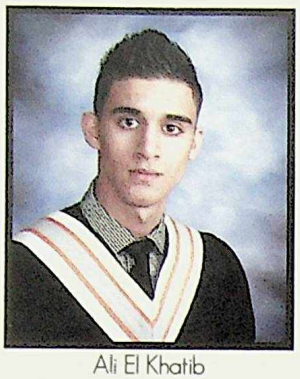
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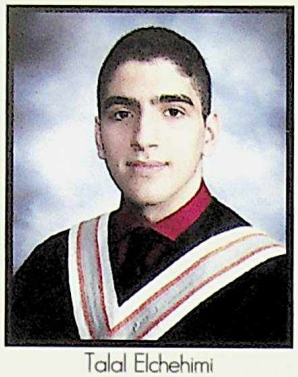
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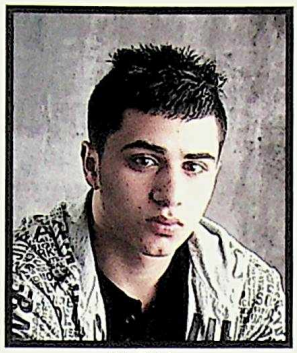
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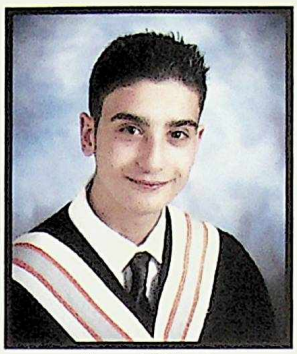
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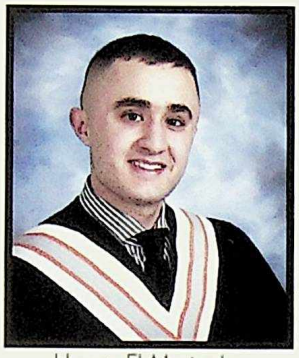
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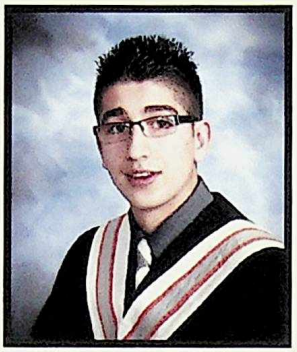
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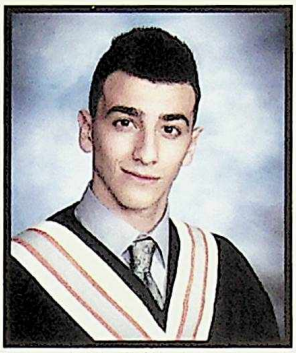
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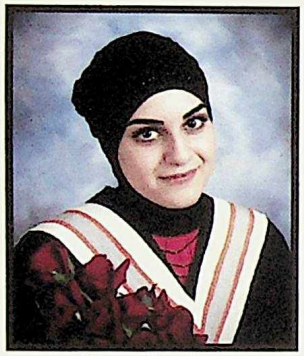
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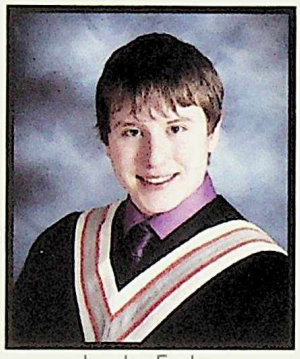
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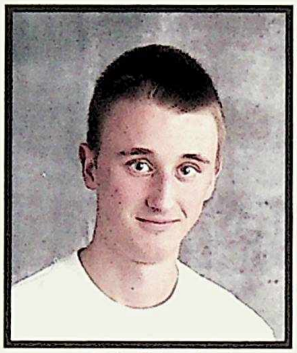
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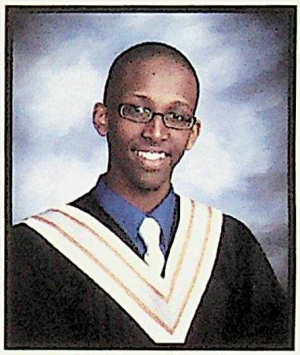
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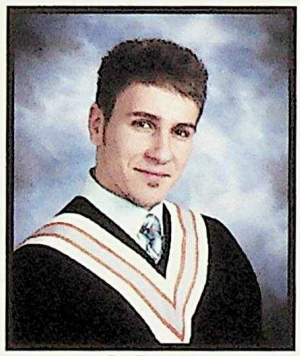
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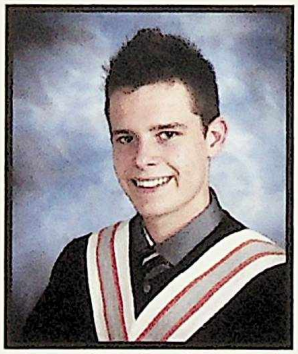
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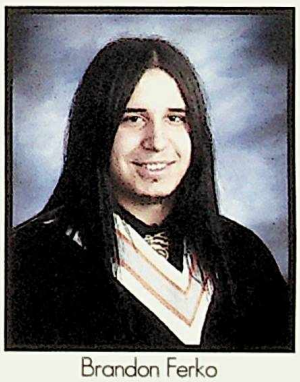
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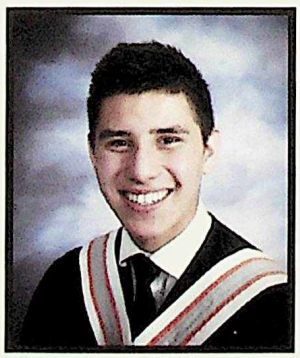
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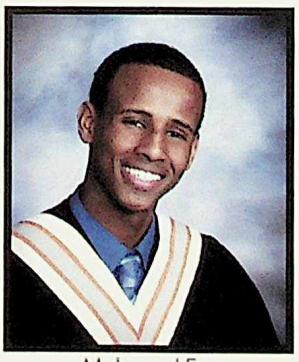
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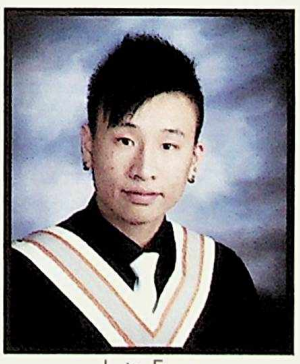
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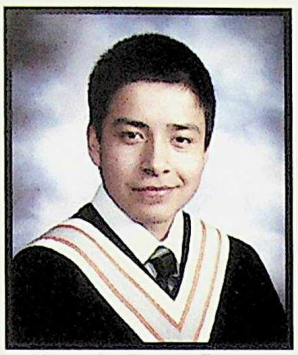
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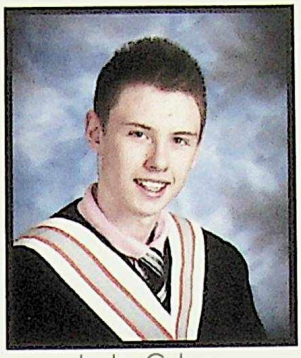
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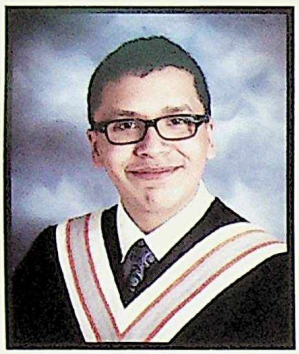
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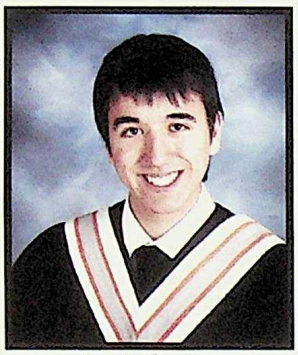
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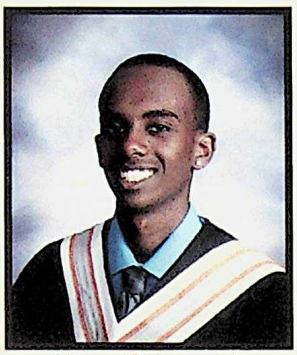
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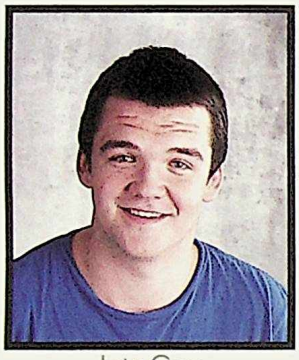
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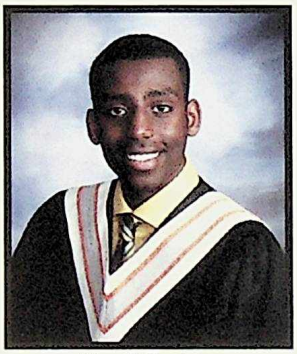
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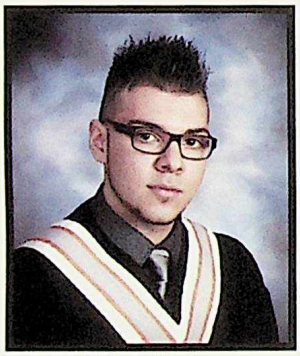
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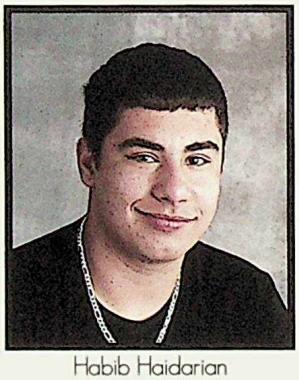
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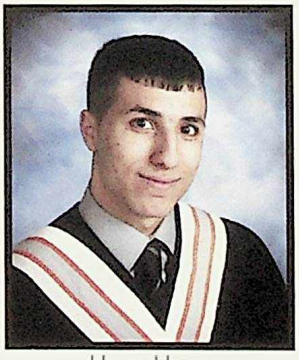
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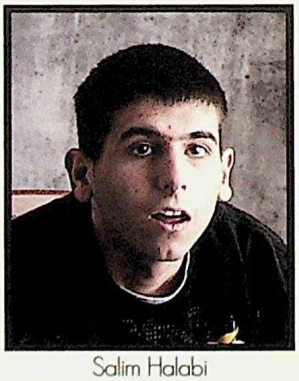
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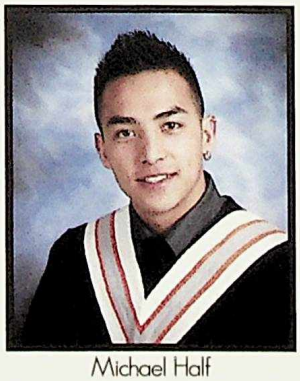
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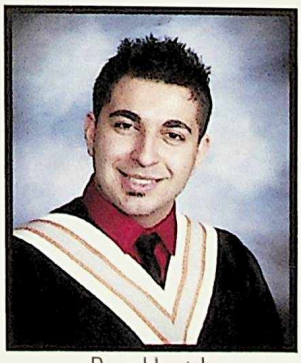
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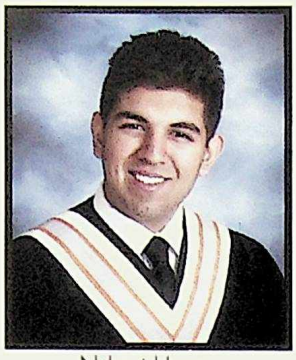
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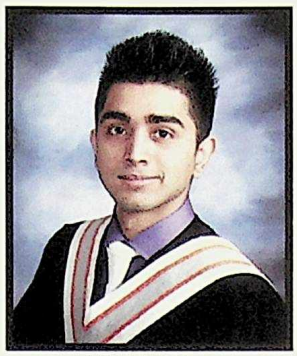
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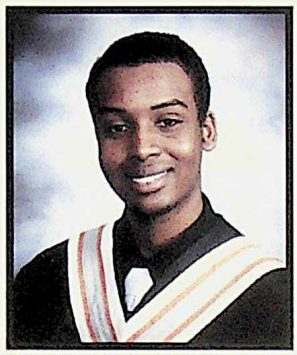
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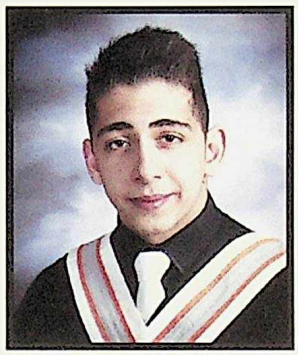
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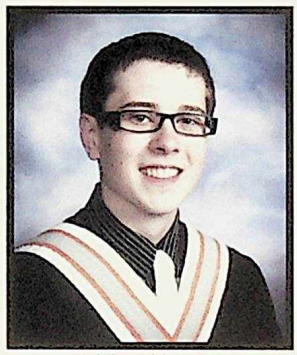
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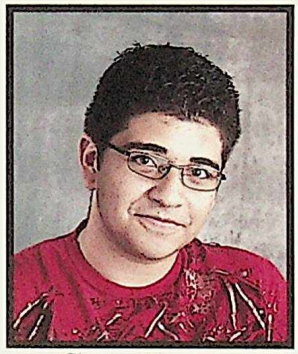
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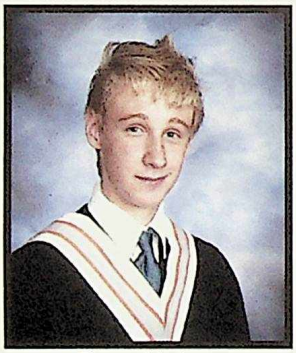
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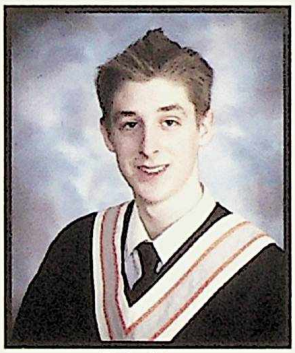
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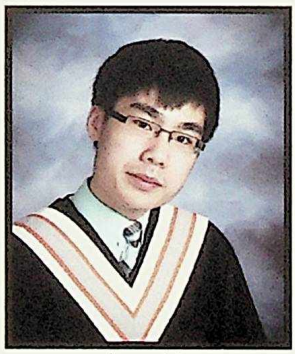
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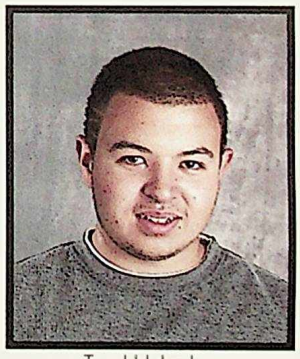
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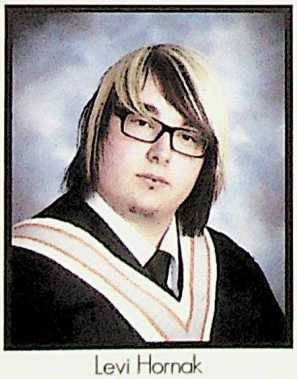
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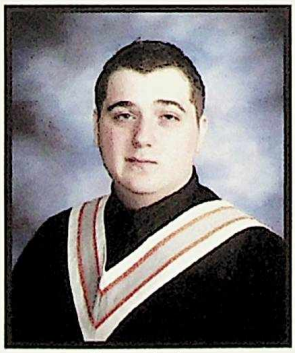
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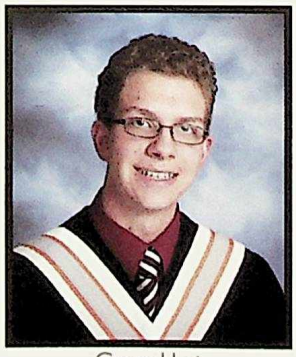
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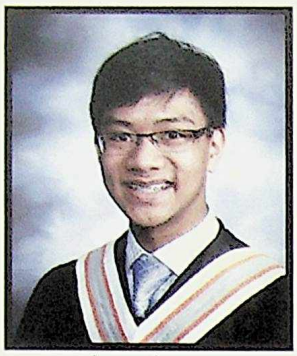
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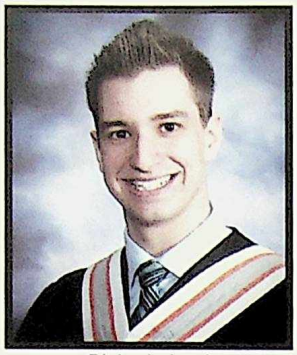
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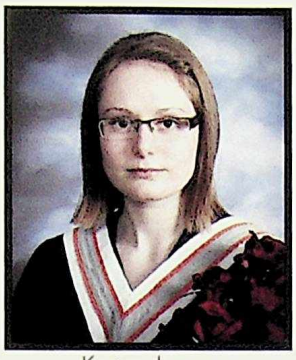
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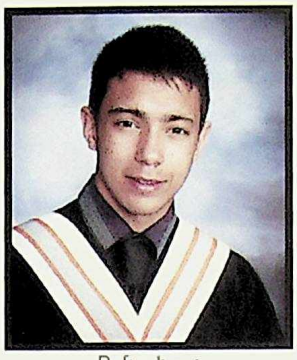
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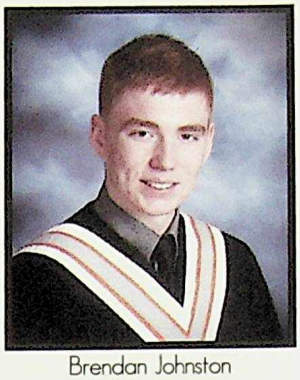
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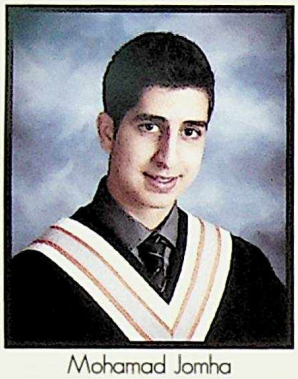
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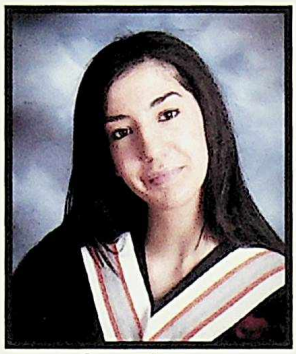
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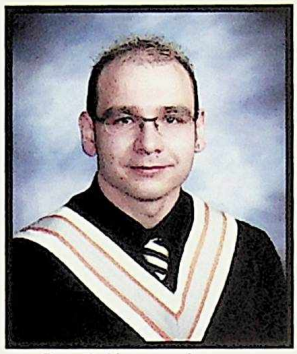
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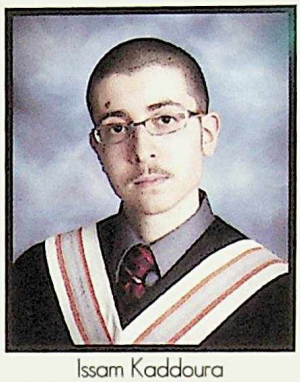
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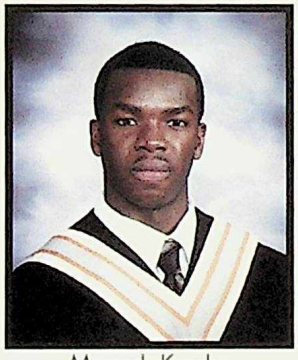
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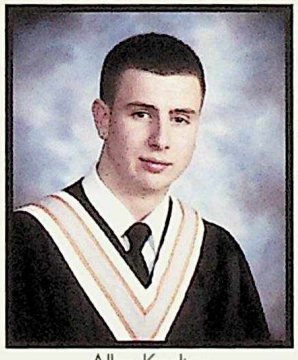
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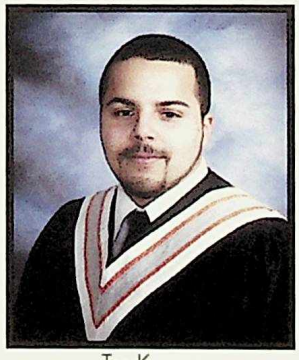
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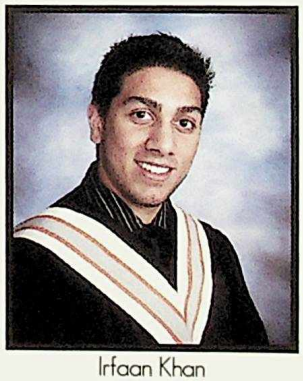
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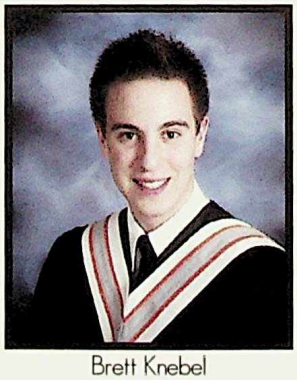
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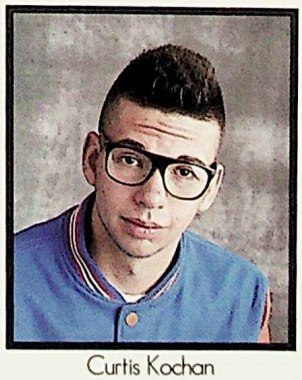
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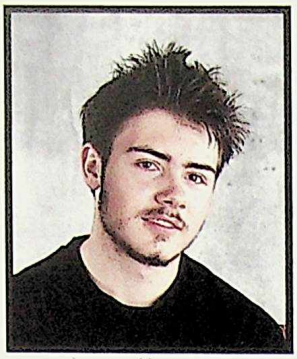
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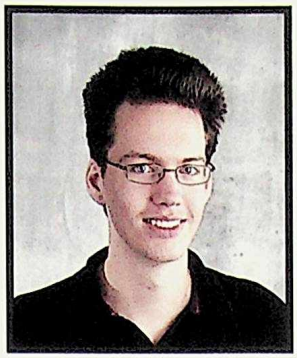
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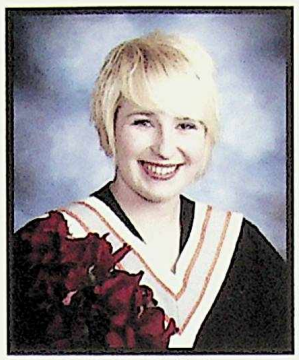
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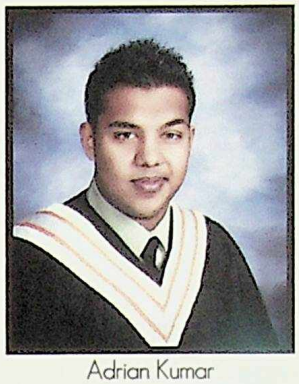
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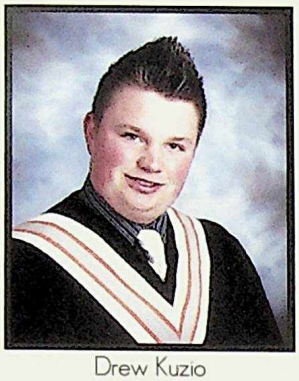
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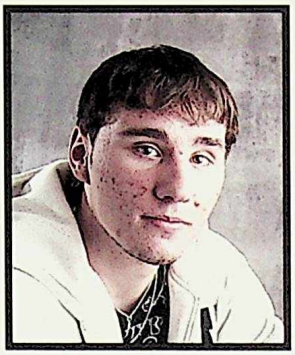
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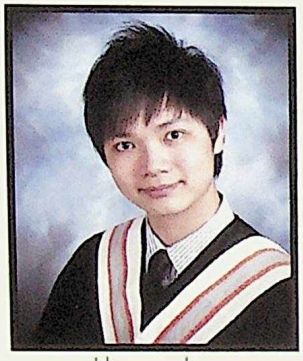
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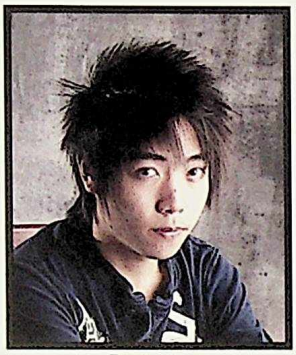
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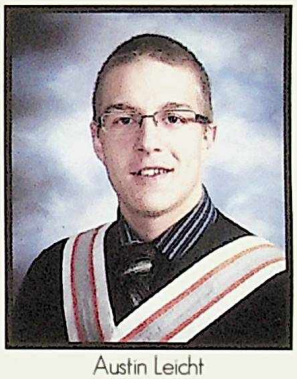
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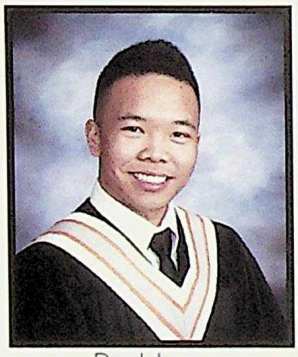
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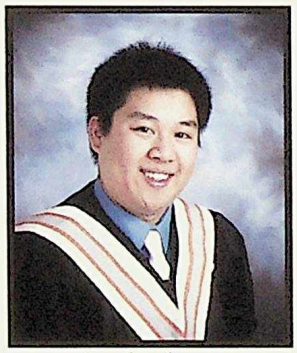
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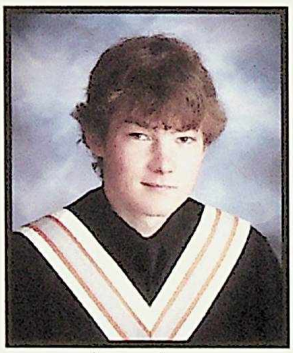
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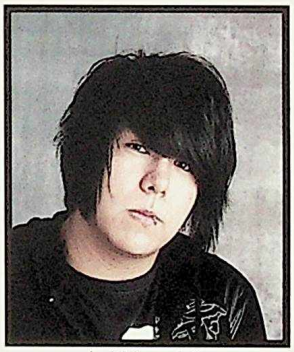
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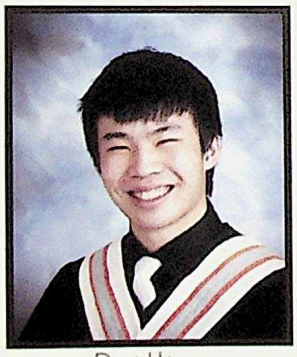
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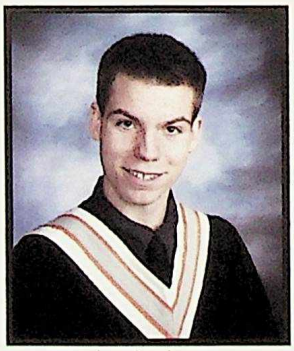
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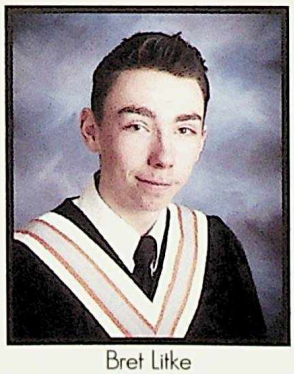
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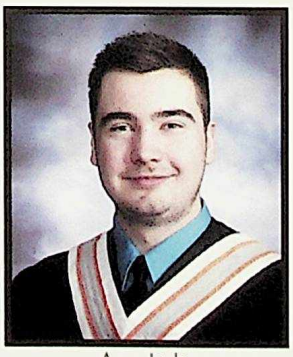
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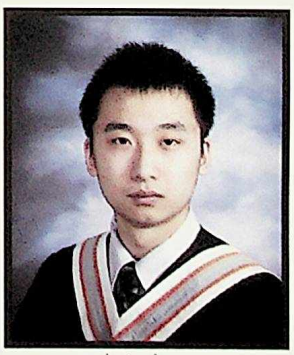
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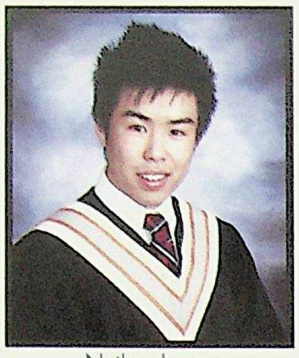
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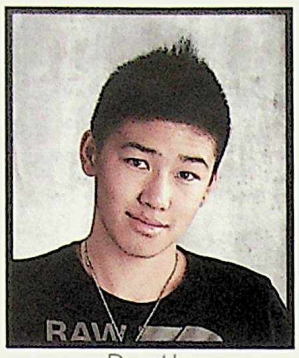
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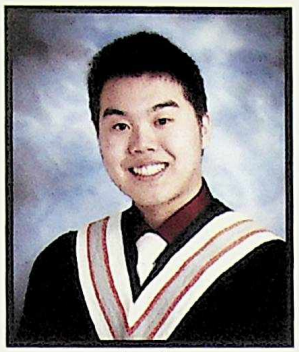
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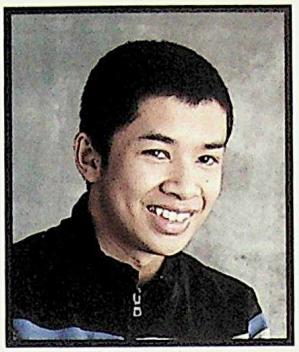
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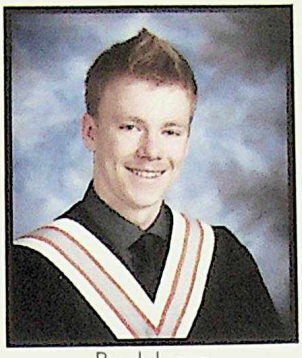
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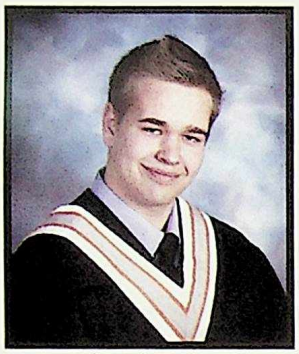
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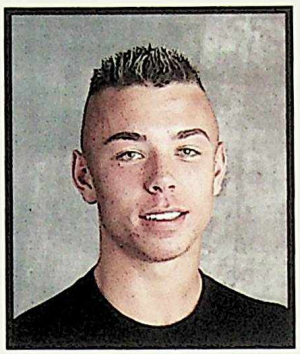
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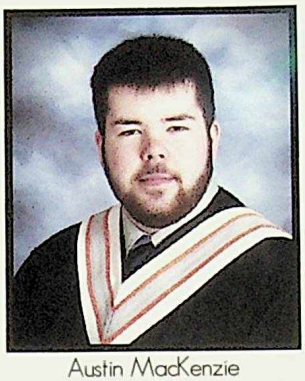
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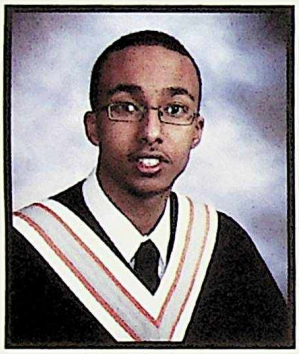
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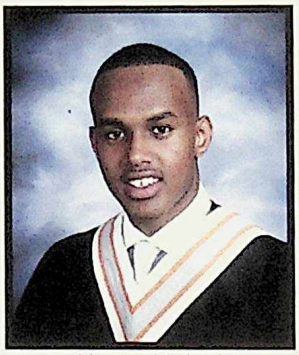
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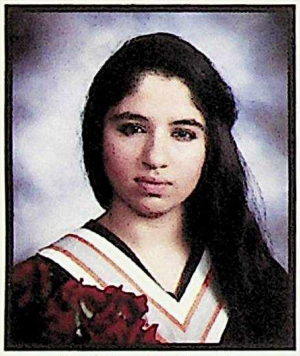
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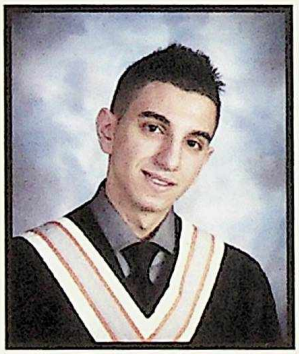
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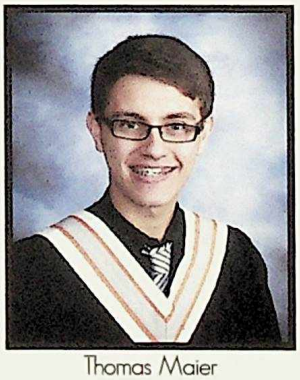
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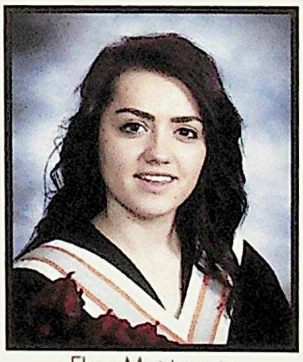
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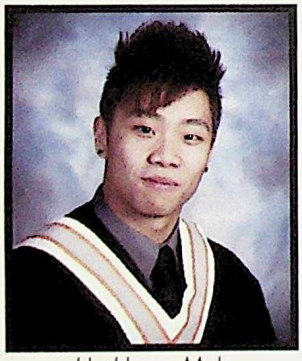
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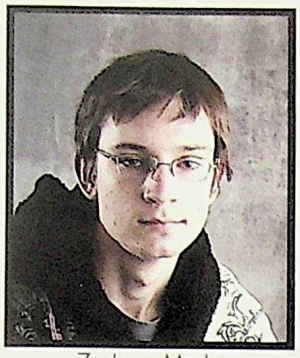
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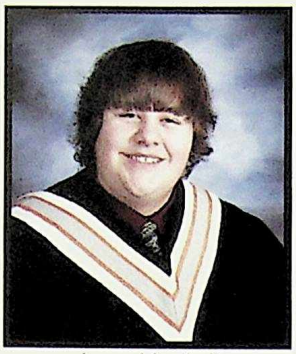
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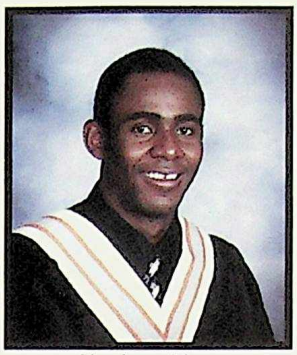
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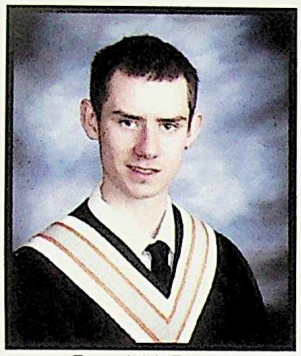
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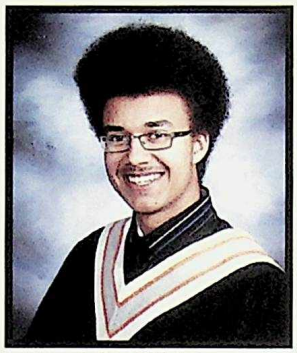
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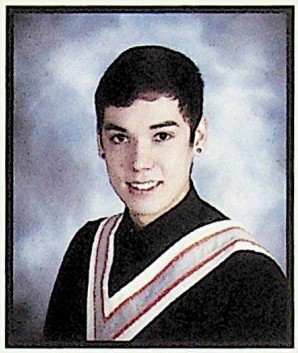
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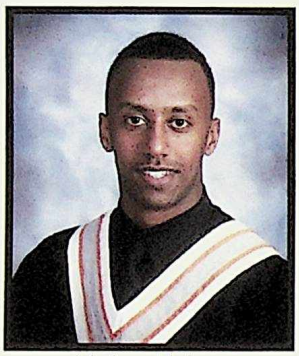
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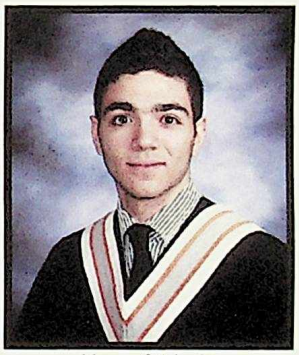
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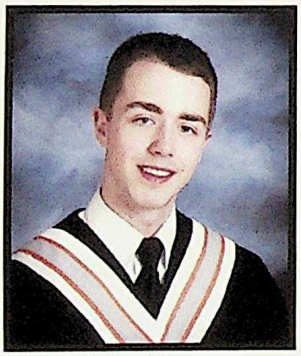
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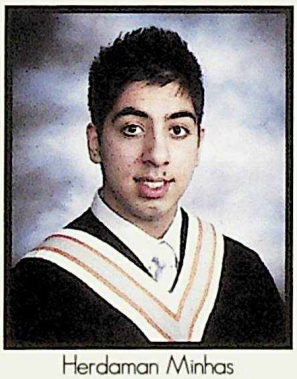
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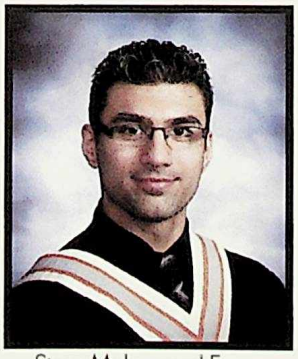
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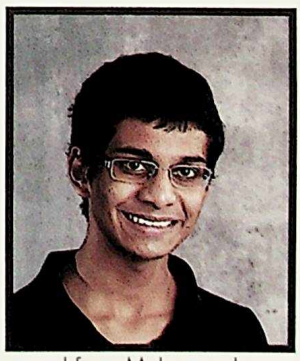
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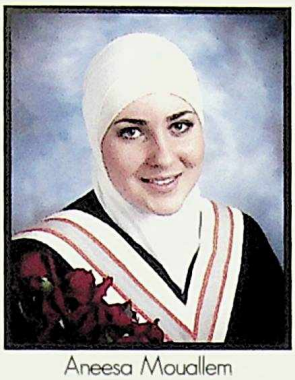
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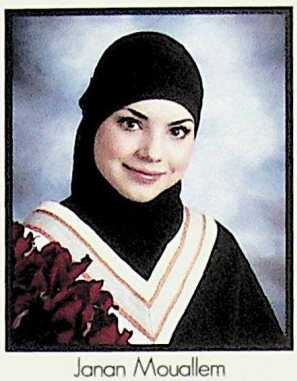
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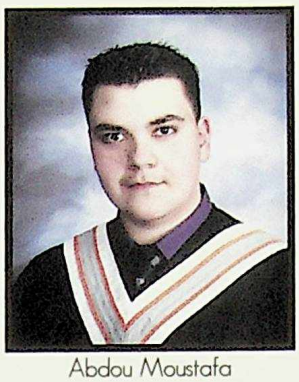
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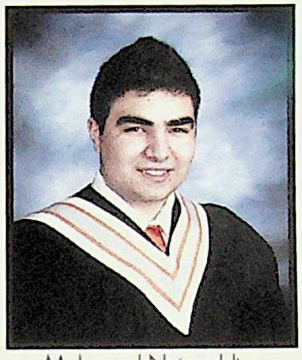
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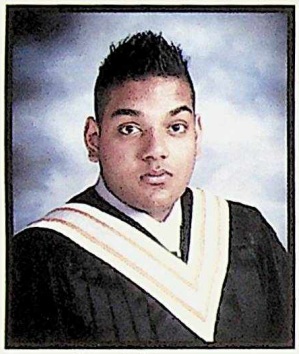
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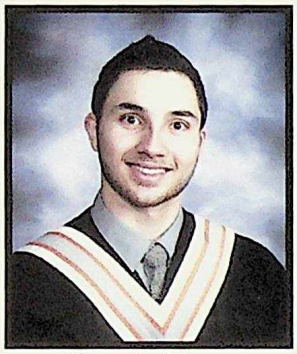
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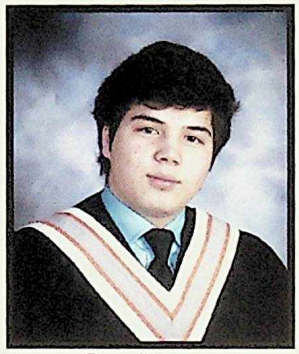
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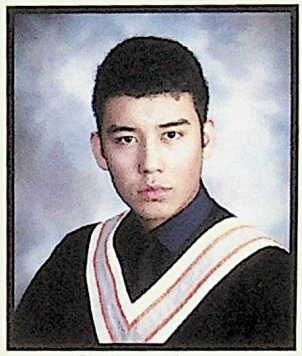
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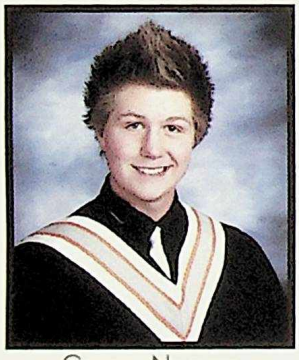
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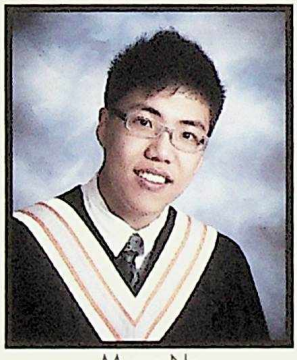
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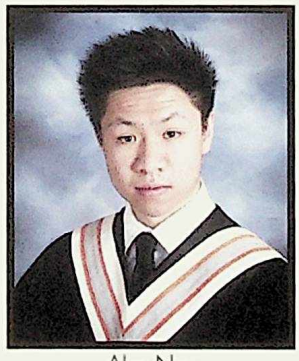
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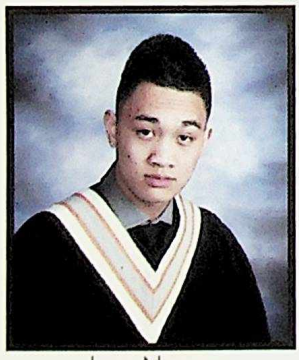
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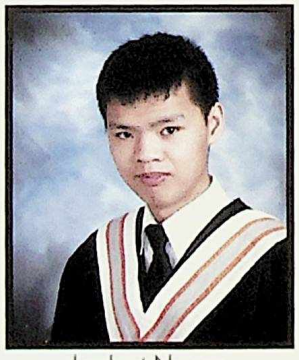
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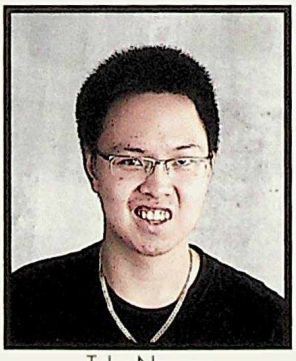
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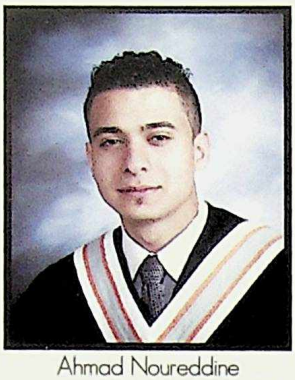
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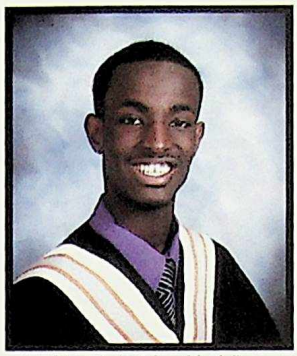
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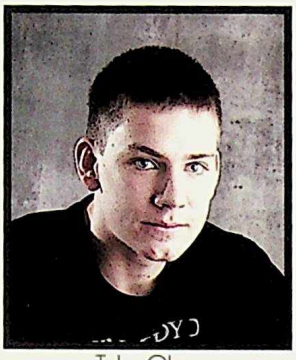
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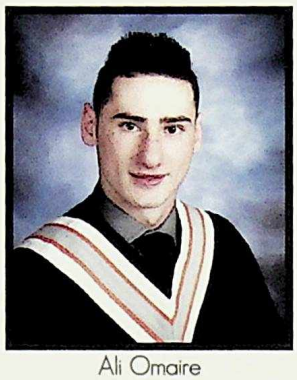
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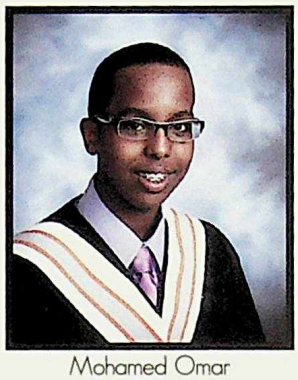
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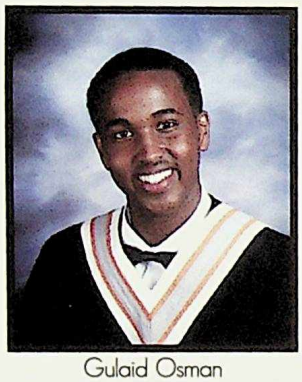
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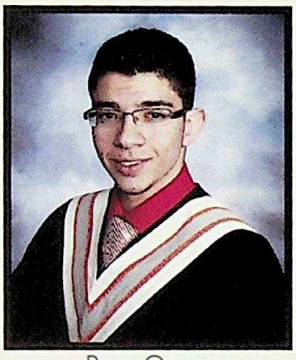
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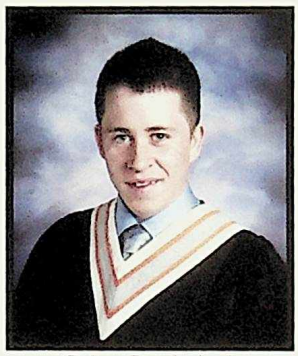
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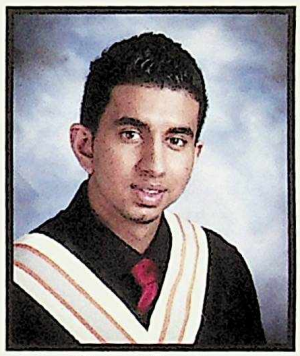
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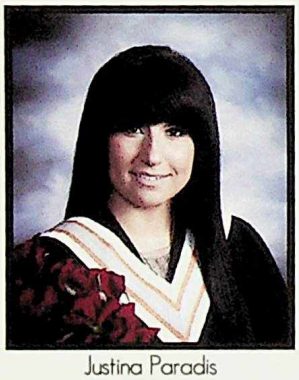
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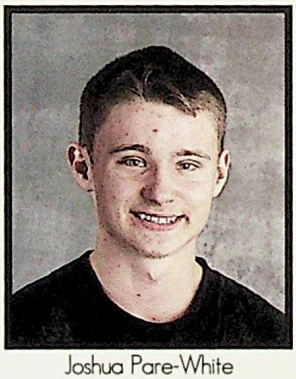
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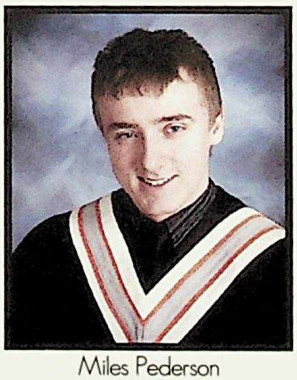
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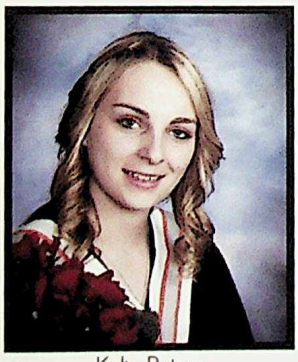
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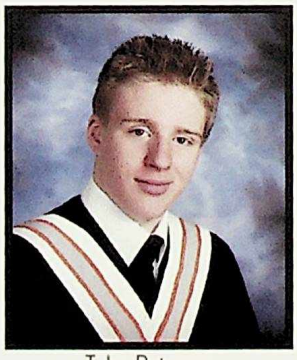
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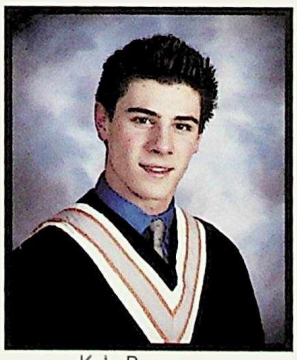
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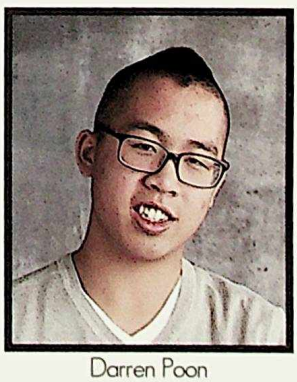
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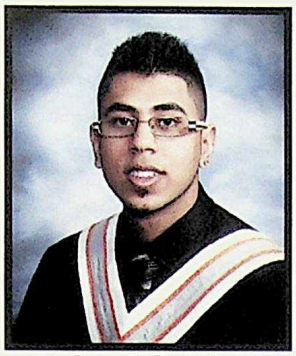
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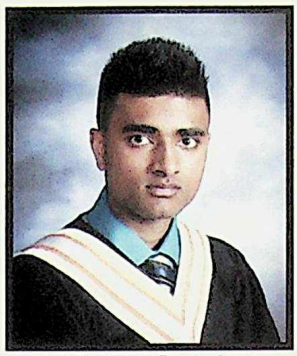
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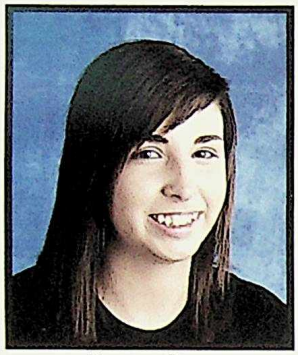
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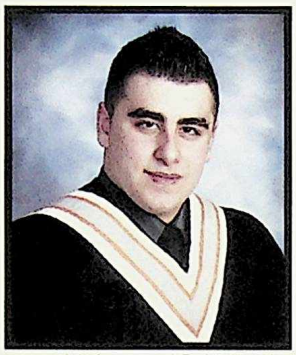
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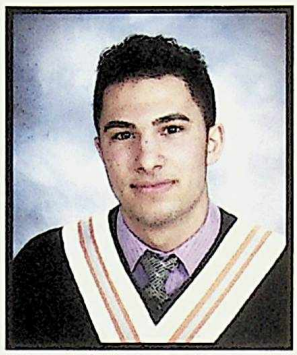
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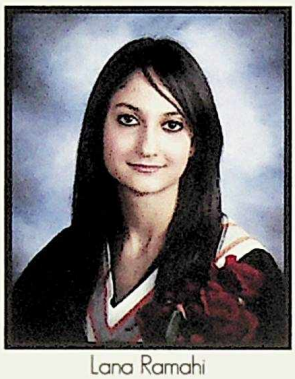
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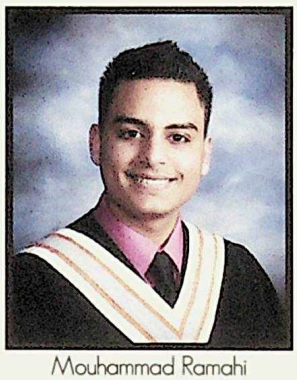
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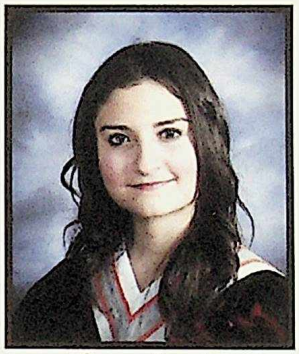
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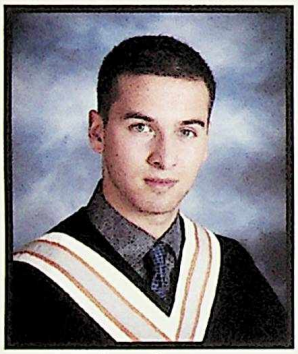
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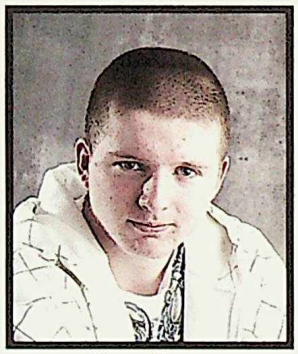
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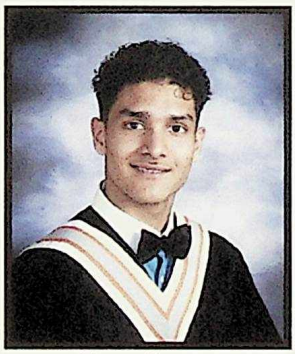
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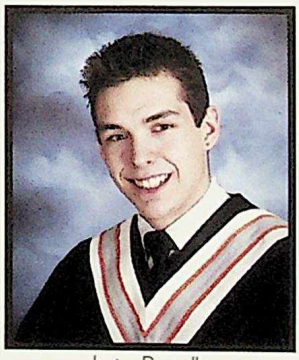
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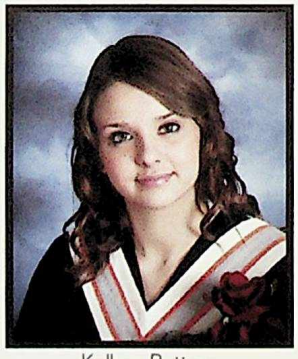
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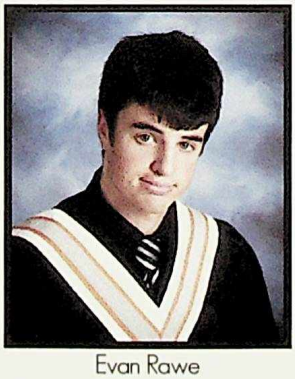
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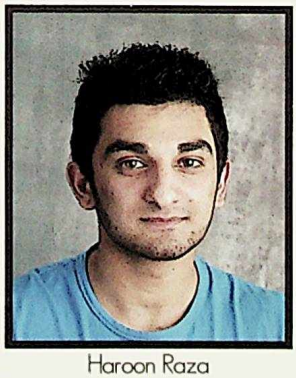
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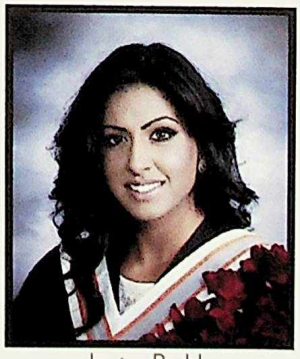
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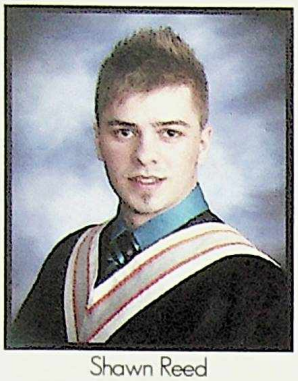
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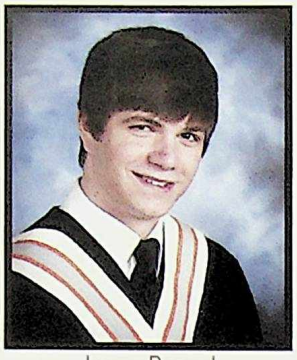
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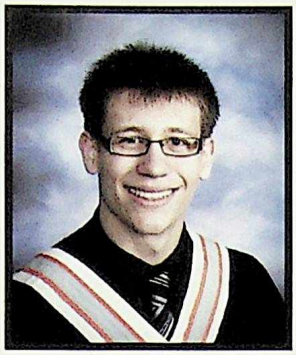
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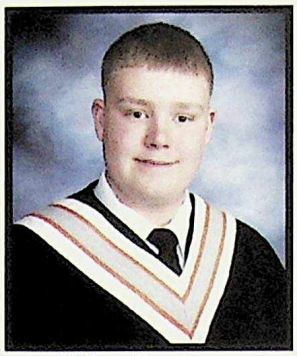
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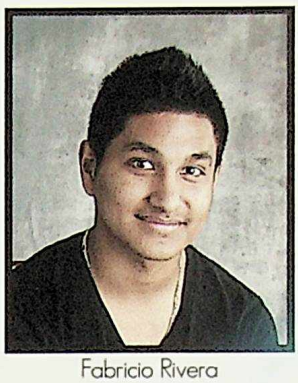
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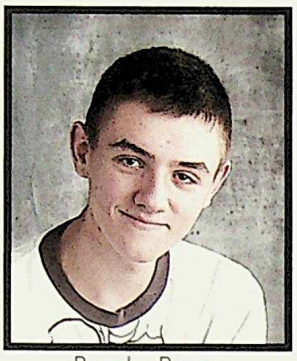
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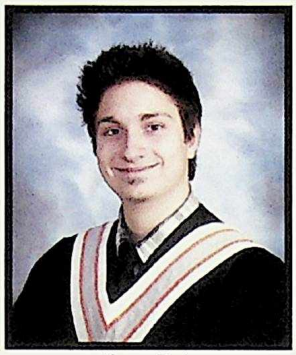
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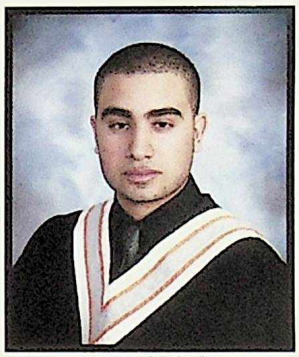
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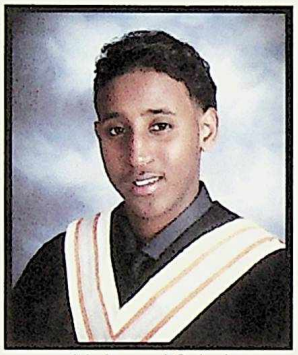
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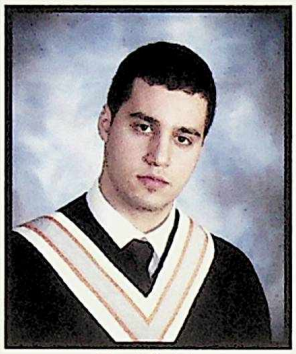
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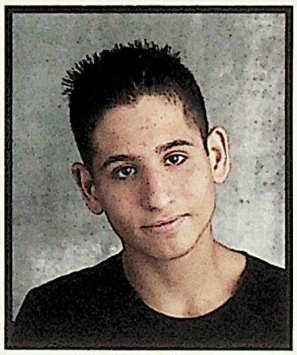
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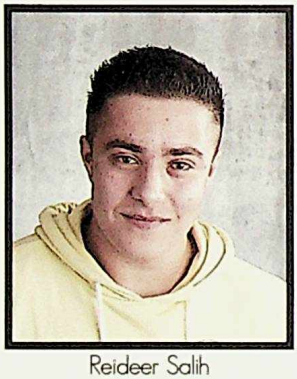
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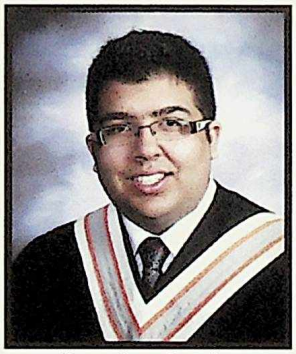
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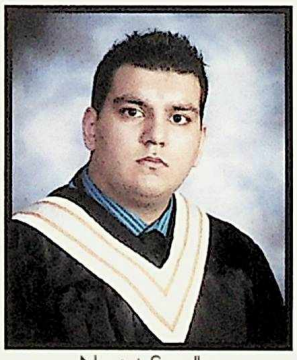
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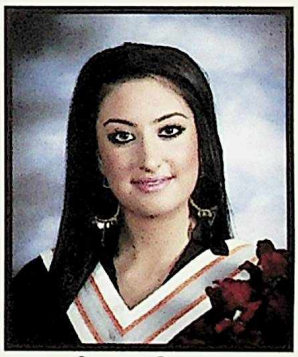
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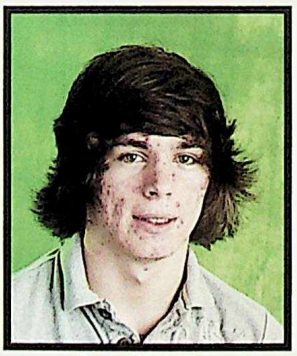
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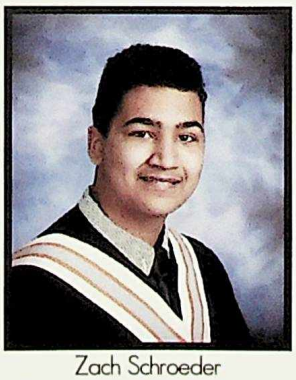
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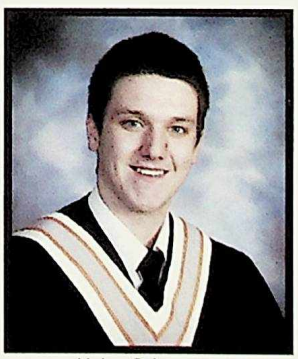
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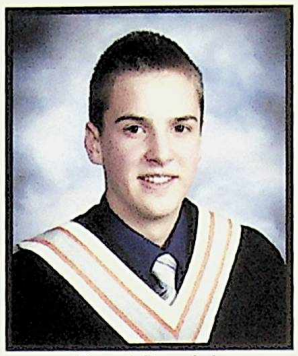
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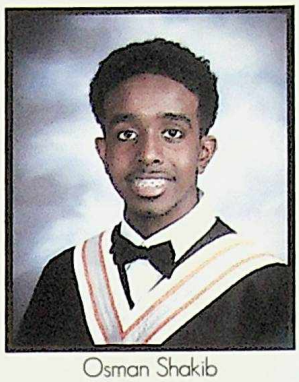
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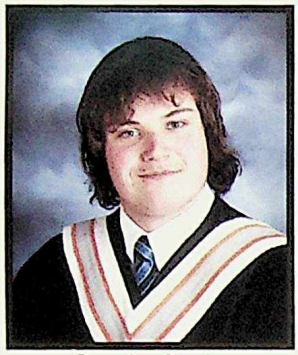
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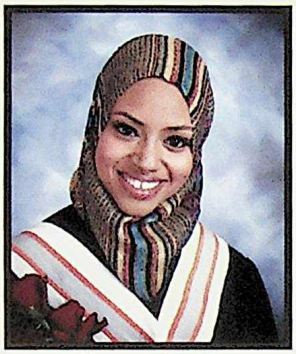
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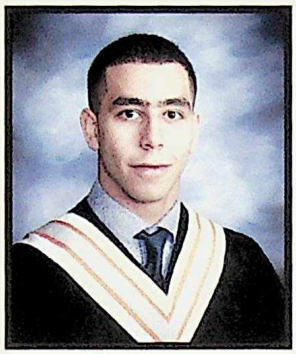
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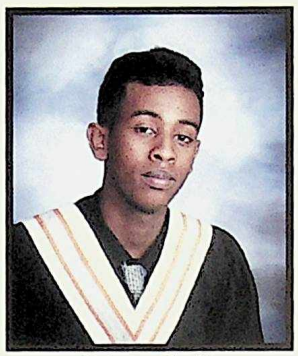
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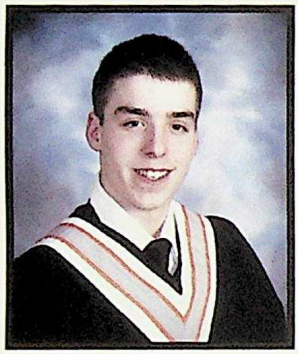
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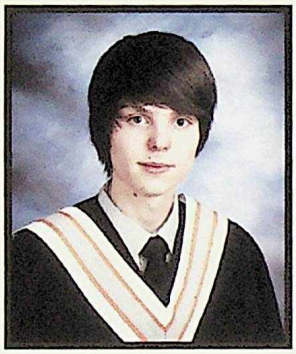
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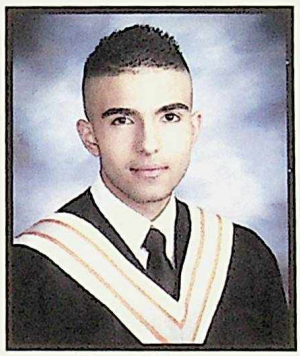
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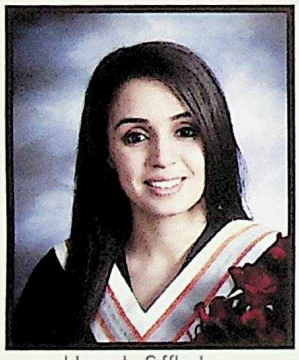
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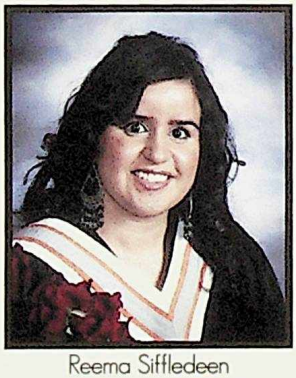
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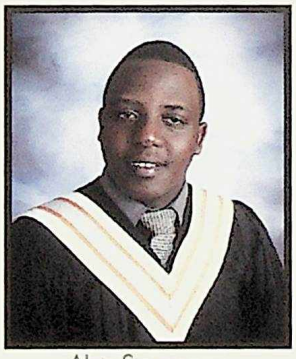
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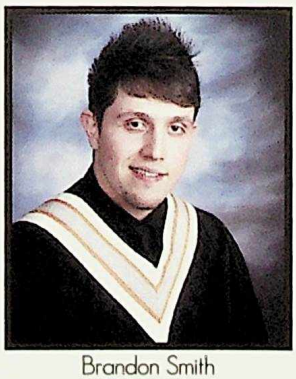
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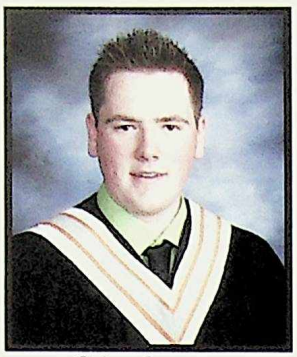
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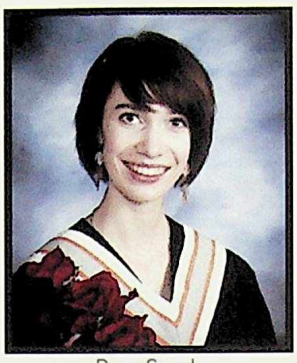
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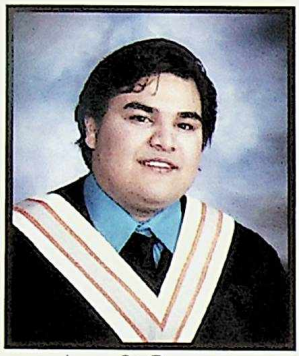
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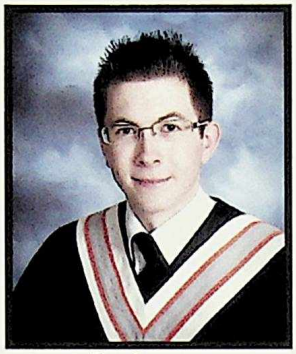
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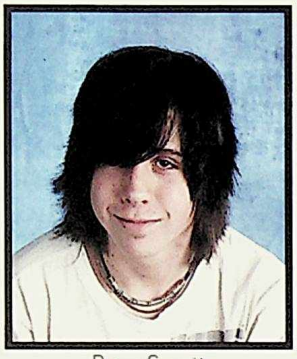
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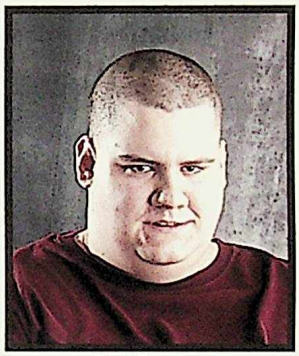
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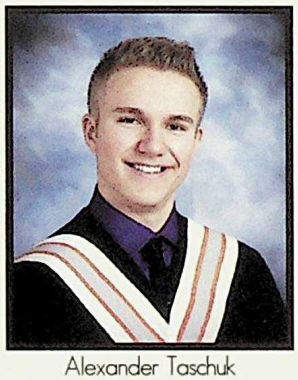
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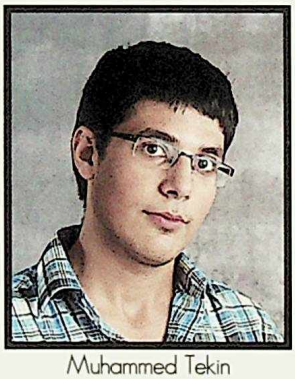
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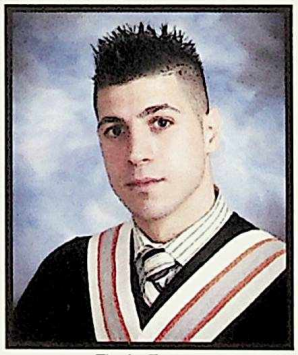
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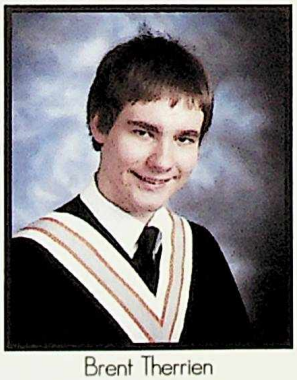
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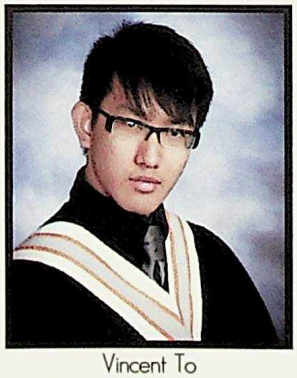
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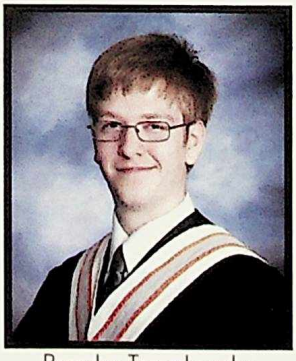
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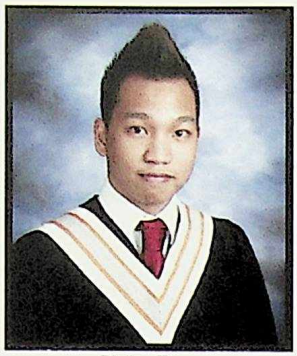
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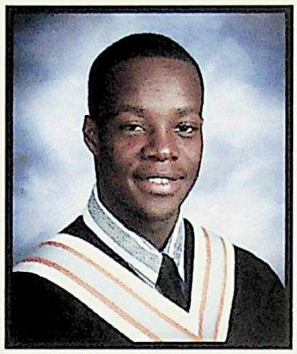
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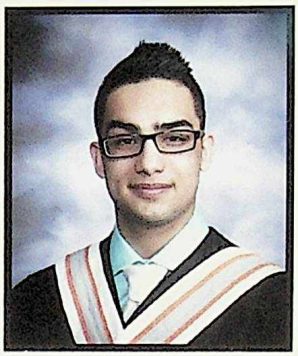
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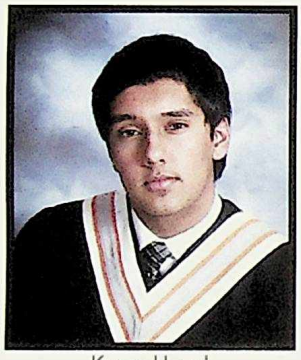
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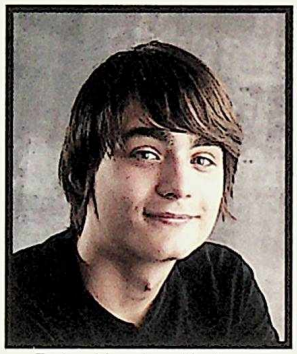
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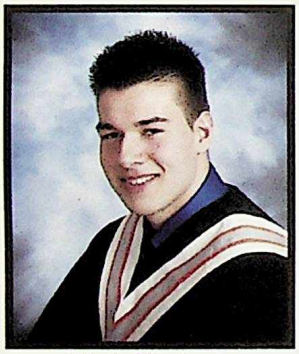
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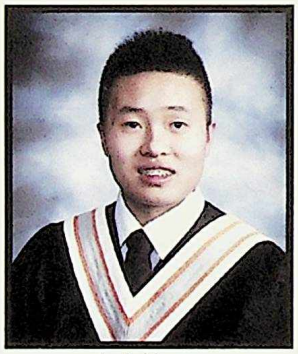
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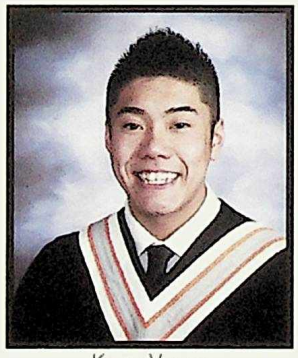
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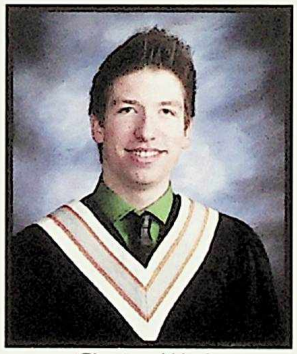
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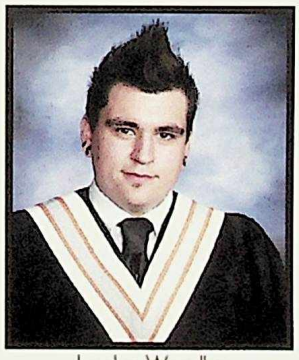
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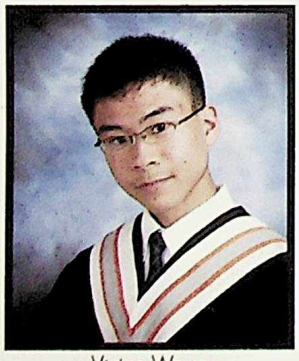
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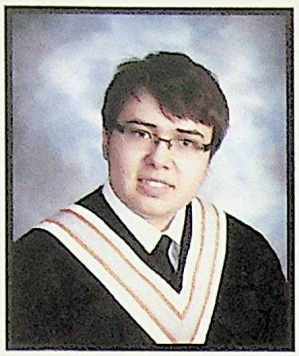
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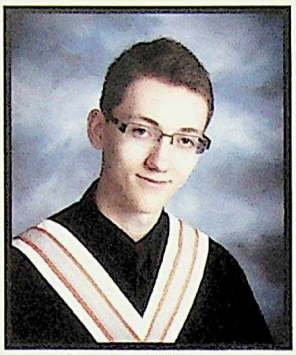
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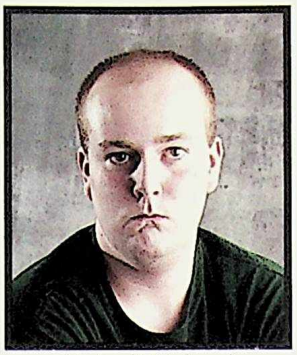
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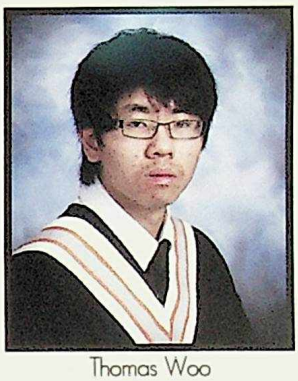
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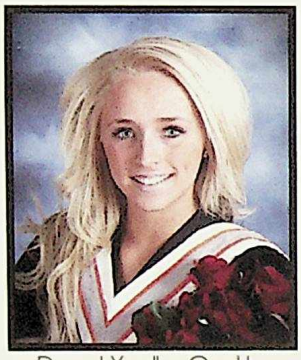
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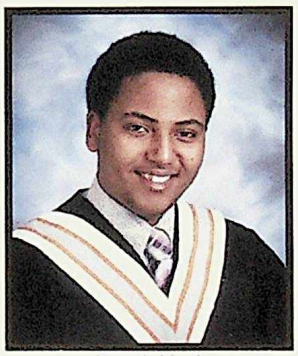
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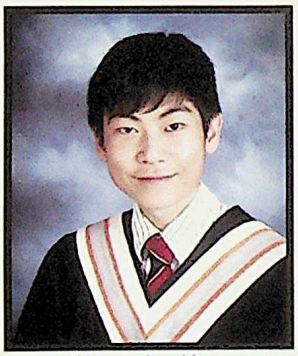
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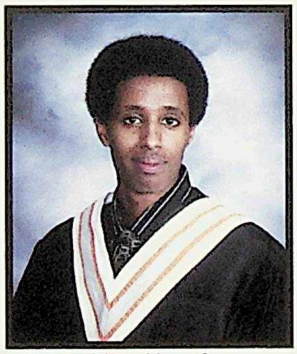
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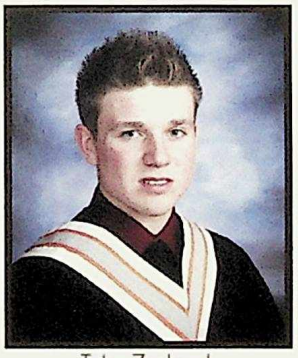
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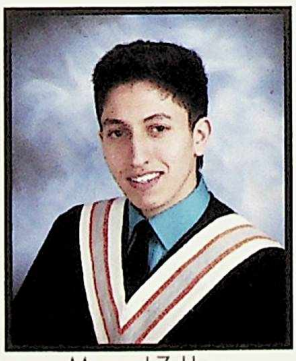
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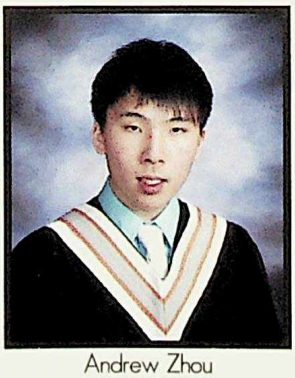
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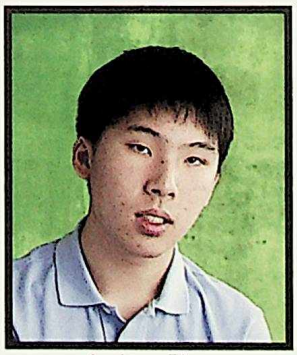
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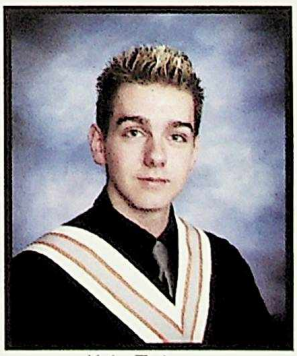
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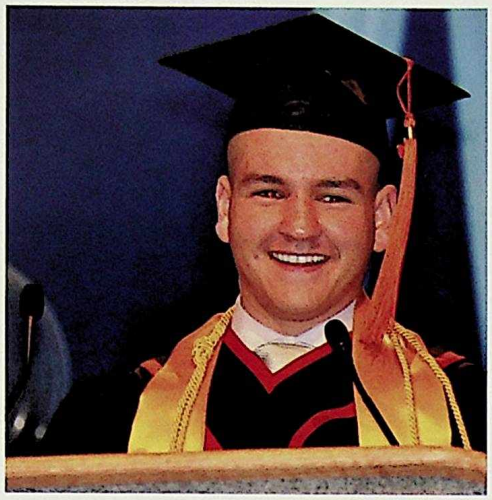
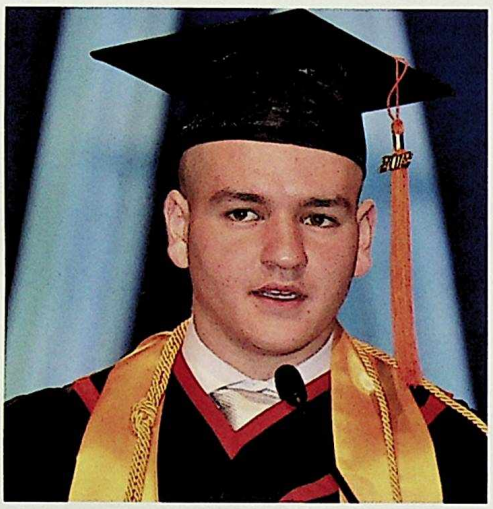
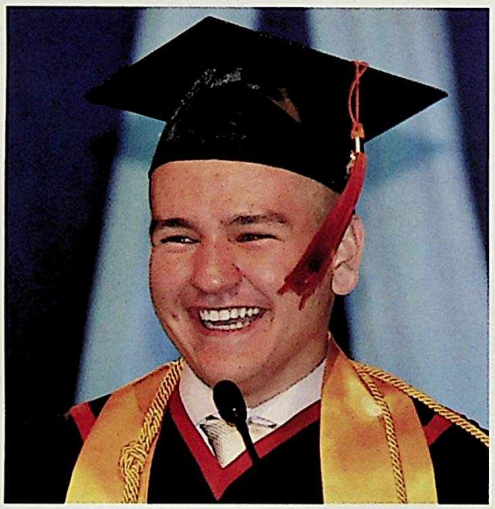
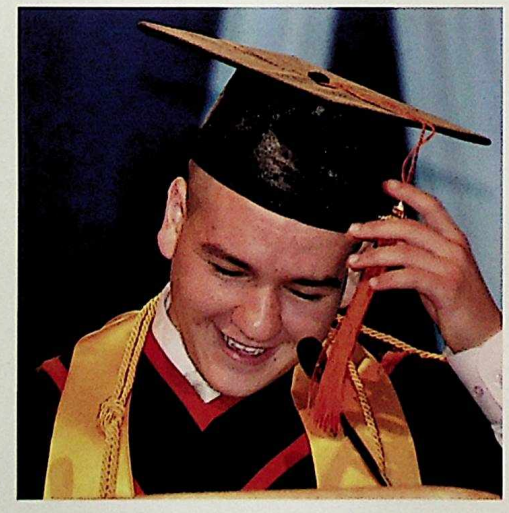








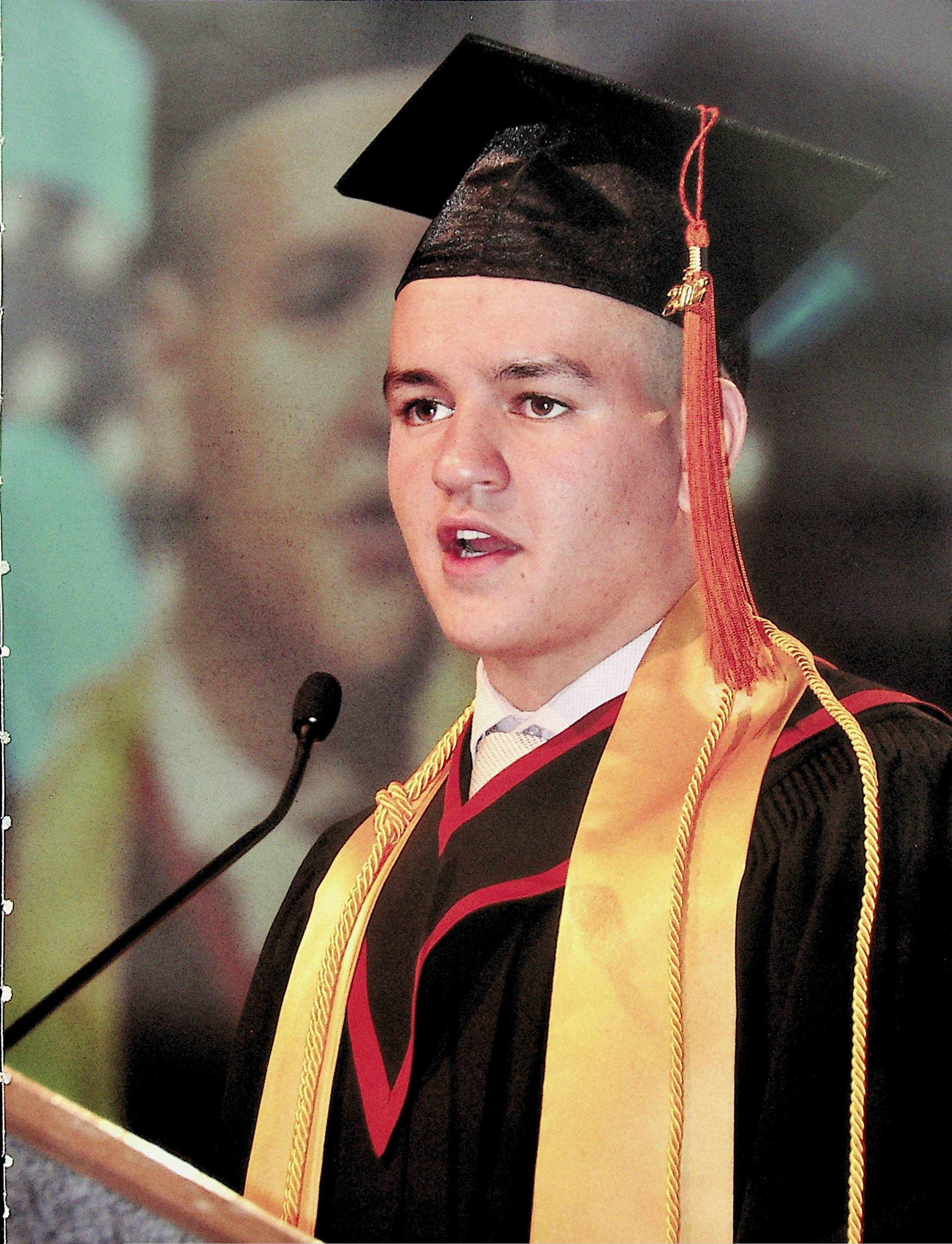
Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen; friends, family, fellow graduates, school staff and special guests. On behalf of the class of 2012 I'd like to welcome you to our commencement, a ceremony that marks twelve years of hard work. Twelve hard years that allow us to indulge in reminiscence of indispensable experiences that we will utilize throughout our lives. Through the years we have had our fair share of highs and lows, but ultimately we must heed these significant experiences to educate ourselves for other events that may unfold in the future. Before we ponder our future, let's take a moment to thank the people who have helped us along the way. First and foremost, we must acknowledge our parents or guardians, who have taken care of us since birth and assisted us in every aspect of our lives, allowing us to depend on them as we grow increasingly independent. Thank you to the school staff who have nurtured the development of the personal and academic aspects of our lives. We cannot forget the school administration, who have been continuously improving the state of our school through being friendly, allowing us to soak them with water balloons, or even through the implementation of flex block tutorials that have benefitted all of the students. Lastly, thank you to the special guests for the words of wisdom and encouragement. The presence of these previously mentioned individuals has proven to be beneficial to my fellow graduates and myself; for our overall paths may differ, but parallels can be drawn between all of our voyages through high school.

We were somewhat clueless entering grade 10, unaware of what to anticipate in the coming year. Following that, we then worked through our first courses and from there encountered our first final exams; and then eventually our first diploma exam. But now, here we are; we made it everybody. It wasn't easy, sometimes the pressure was too high and it felt like we weren't going to make it, but we did. Undergoing the often challenging tribulations of a high school kid, still we rose to the occasion and here we are today. However, we must not overlook the meaning and significance of this commencement.

A commencement is a ceremony marking the beginning of something; in our case, the beginning of our future. As we proceed into the future, it is vital that we adhere to our ideals and patiently pursue our goals in life. No great success – besides a lottery – has occurred overnight. We must persevere like we did over these twelve years - for the rest of our lives. Like Michael Jordan said: "failure gave [him] strength" and "[his] pain was [his] motivation." This quote brings about the question, why should we suffer for no cause? The pain is worth too much for us to give up; we must work until the end. Through the trials and tribulations in our life we must keep in mind that we have gone too far to surrender, and adversity is no stranger to us; we will succeed. So far we have been able to overcome obstacles that left us confused, frustrated, or even afraid about the outcome. It would make me a liar if I said that our lives will be smooth sailing from this point on. We will also encounter many more situations in the future that will require perseverance in order to achieve the favourable outcome in which we are striving for. Hard work is required to create and successfully maintain some of the future goals that we may have already set out for us such as marriage, having children, obtaining a successful career, or simply happiness. Just look at the hard work our parents do every day to ensure the best conditions for us to learn and succeed throughout school and life; and the happiness it does create when we are doing well in our endeavours. Every Valedictorian speech has a quote derived from a Greek philosopher or scholar, but the quote that I selected is well put – and a few thousand years younger. Tupac said that "There's going to be some stuff that you'll see [making] it hard to smile in the future, but through whatever you see, through all the rain and the pain...you got to be able to smile through all of this." We must be persistent, all we have to do is put our mind to it and we can do it. He also said that "for every dark night, there's a brighter day," so through all the hard times just "keep your head up," and "don't stop believing," where ever you go and whatever you do, for you will be rewarded.

Thank you everybody, and have a wonderful evening.

Kamal Farhat



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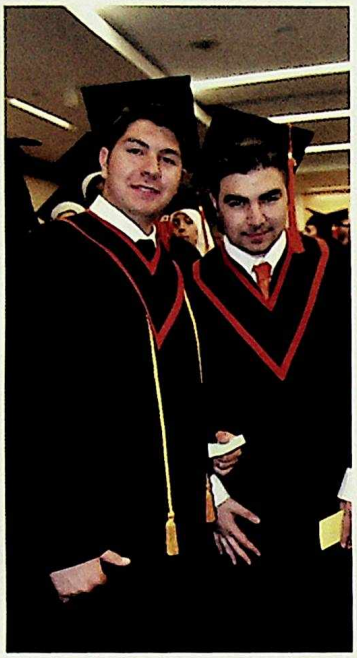

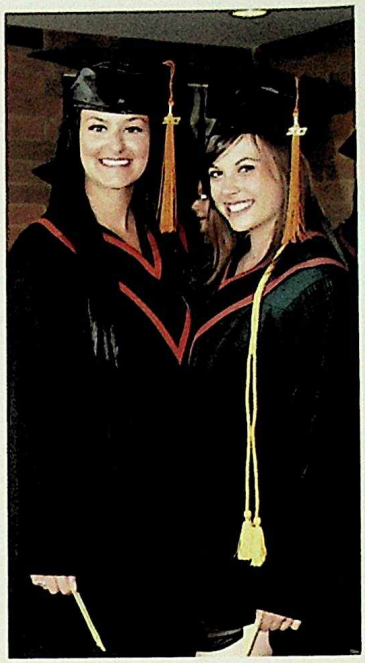

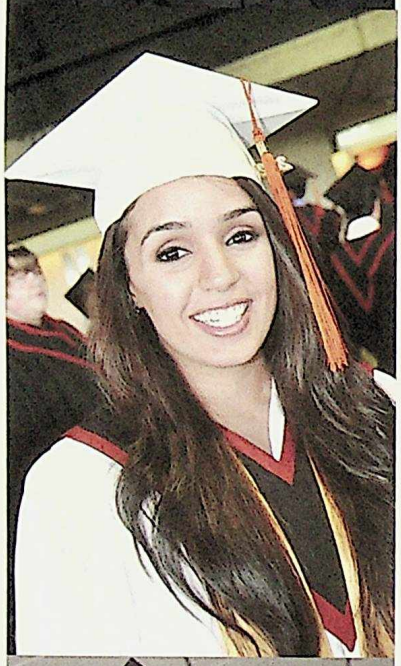

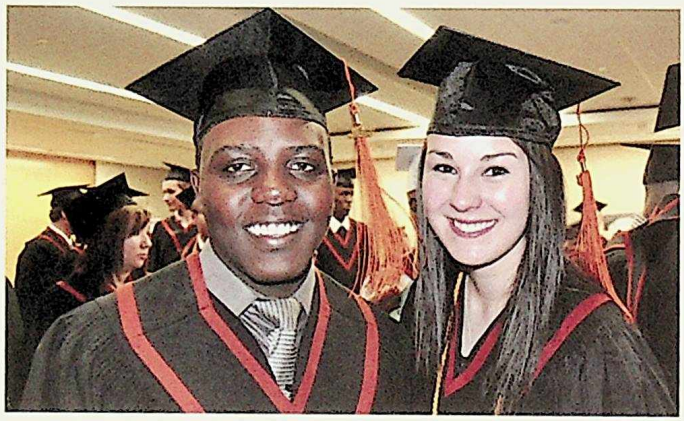

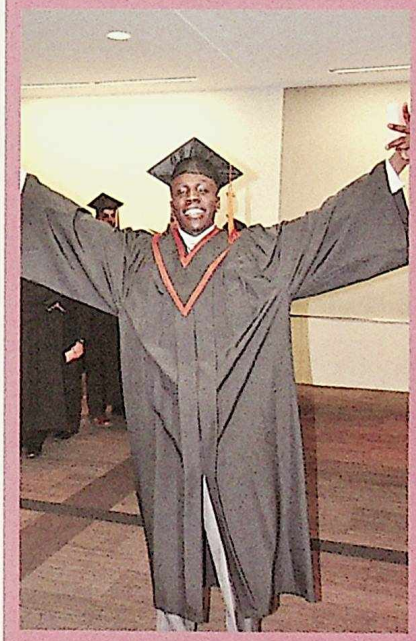

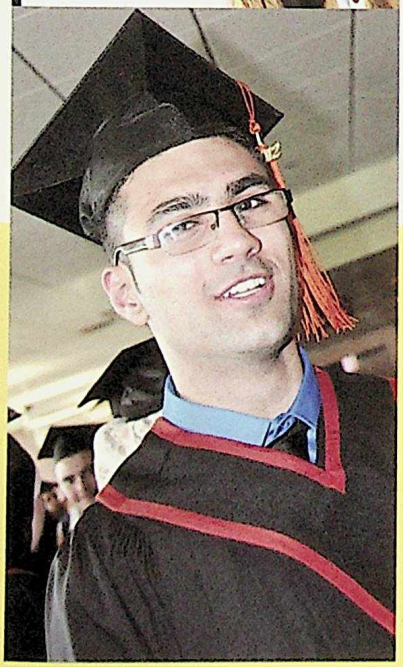

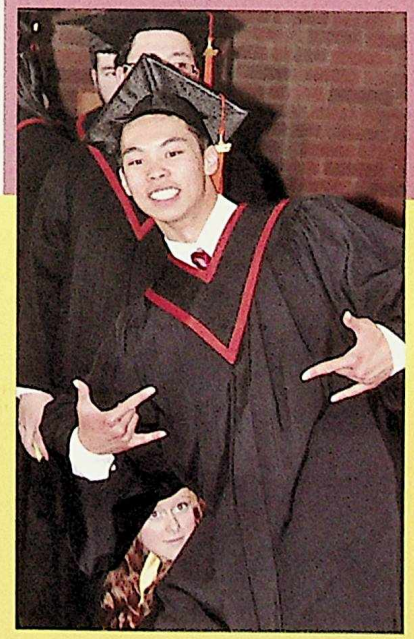

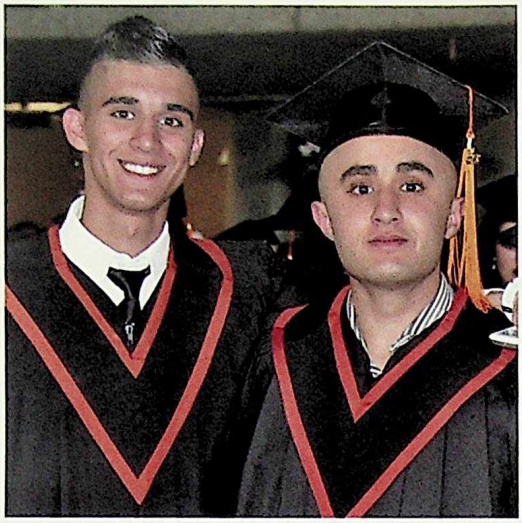

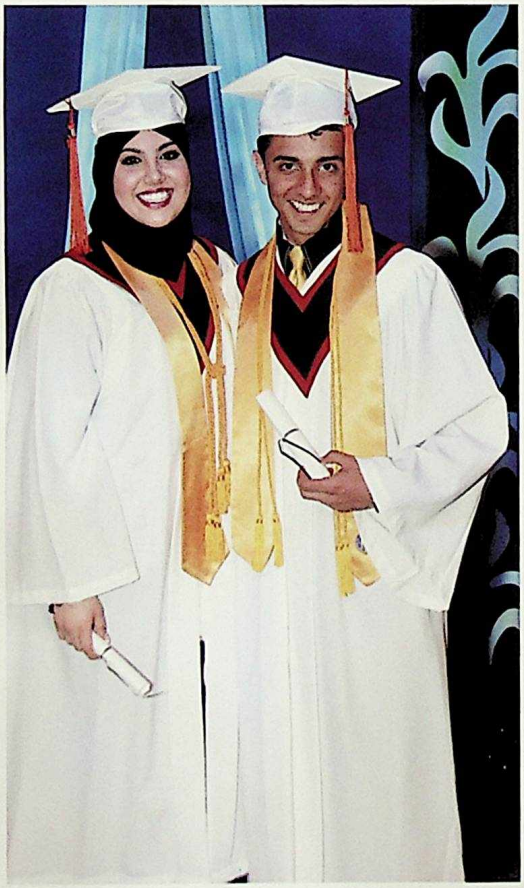

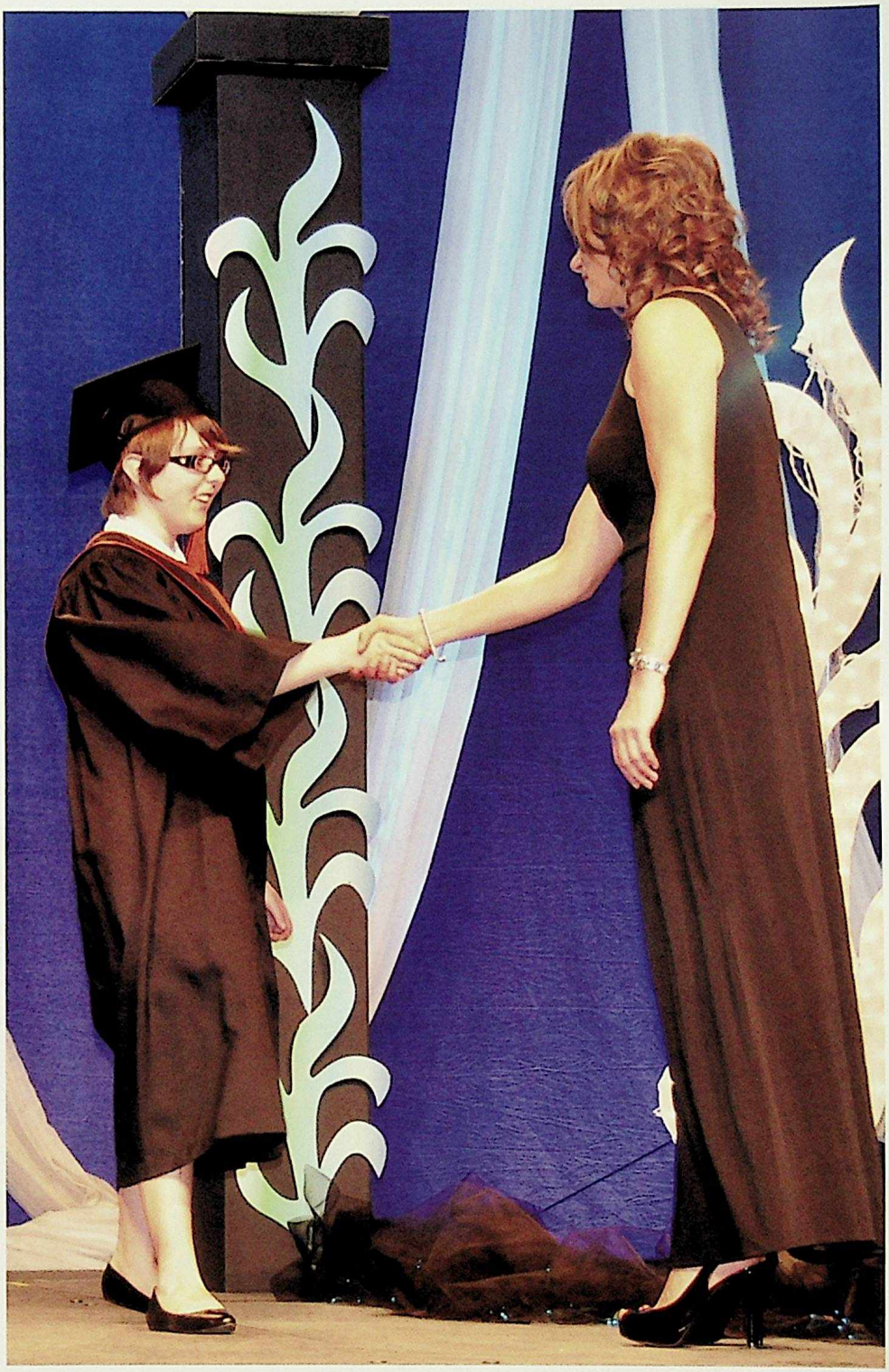

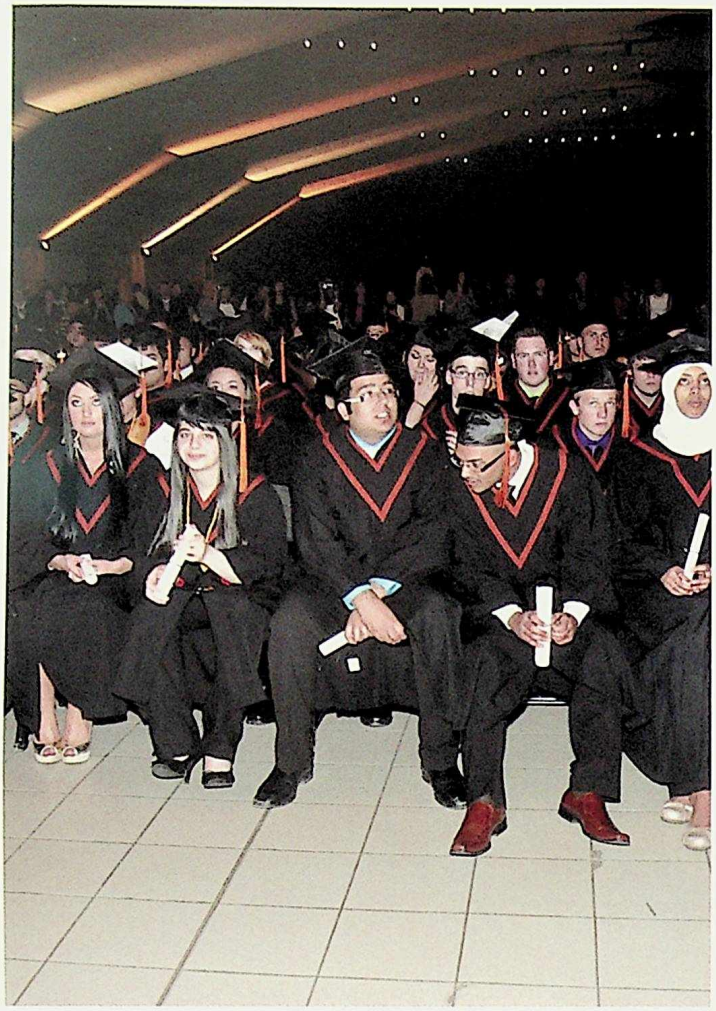

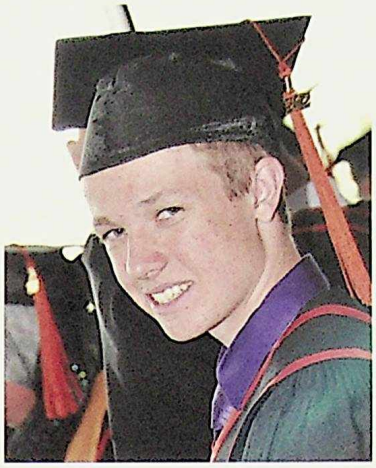

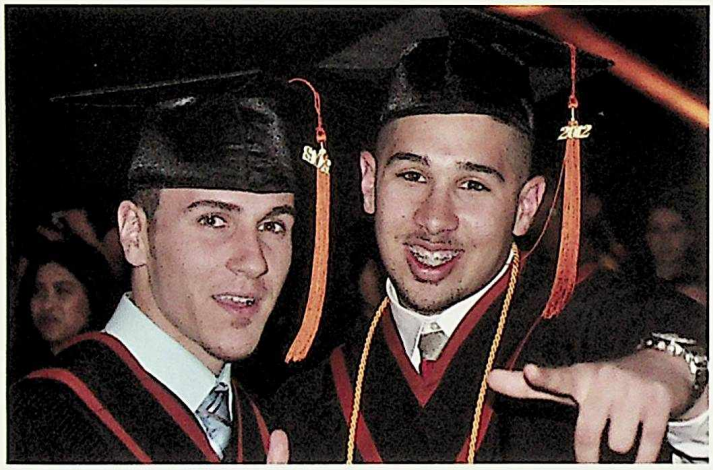

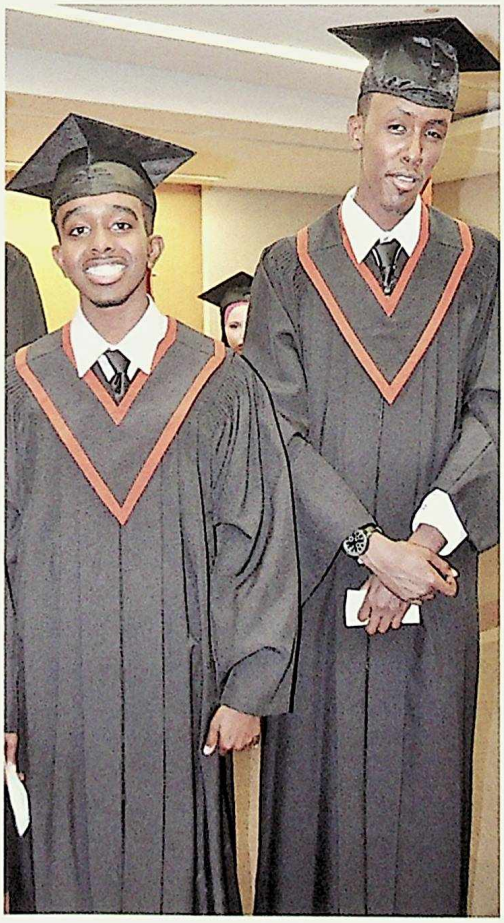

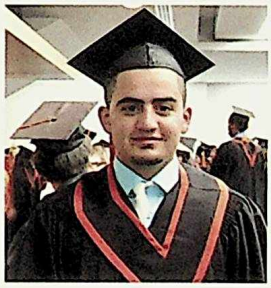

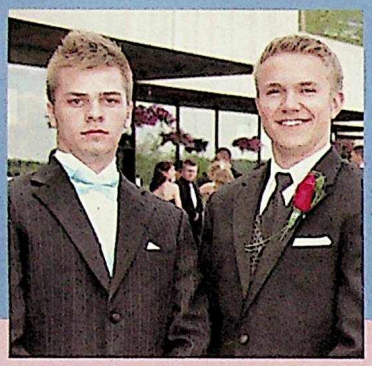

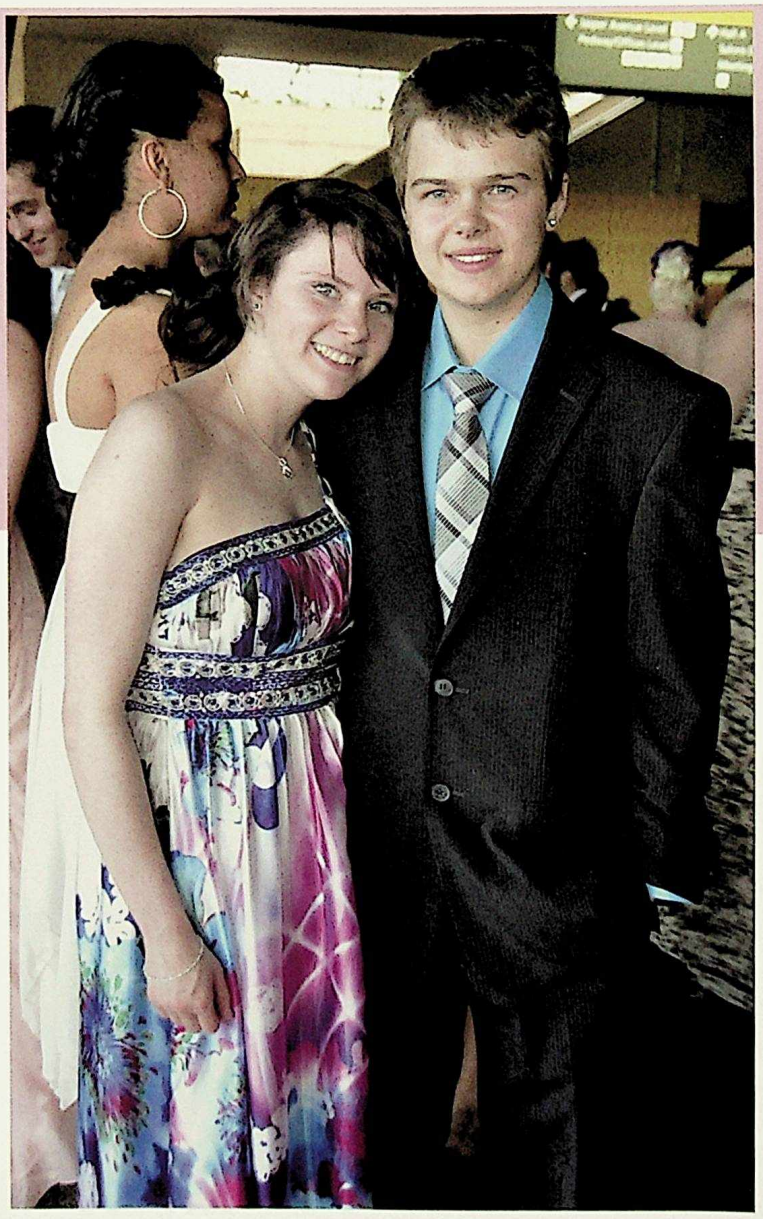

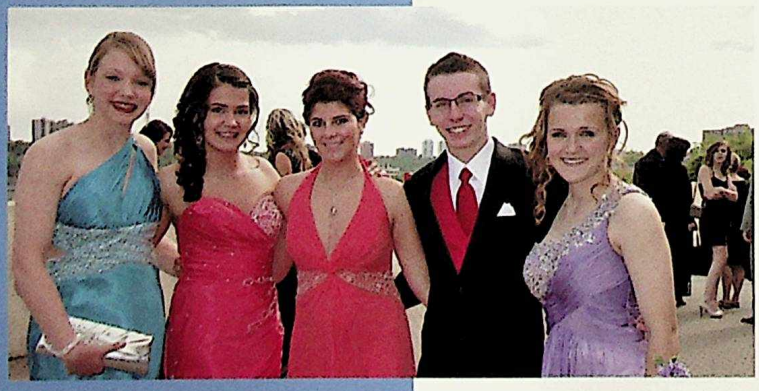

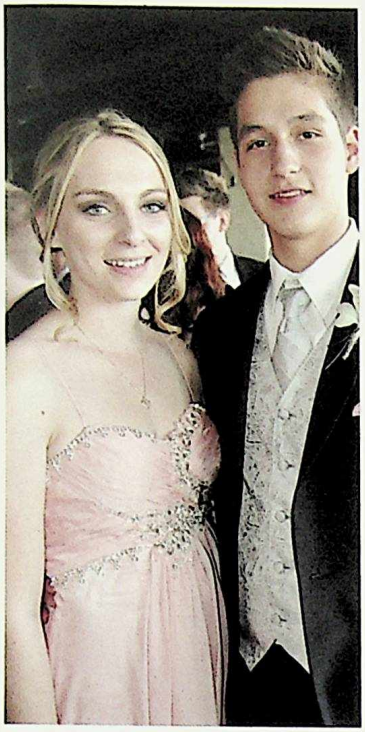

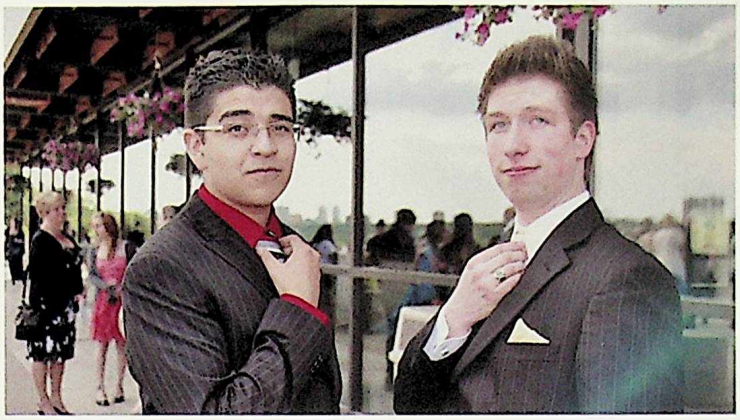
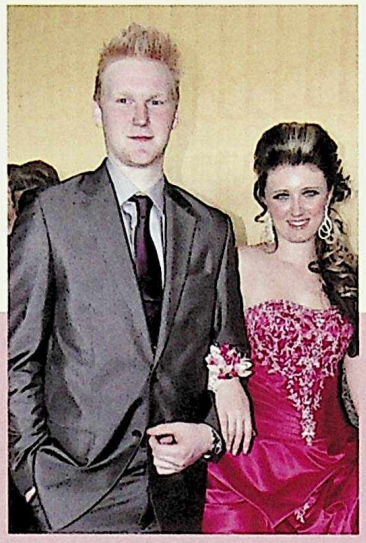

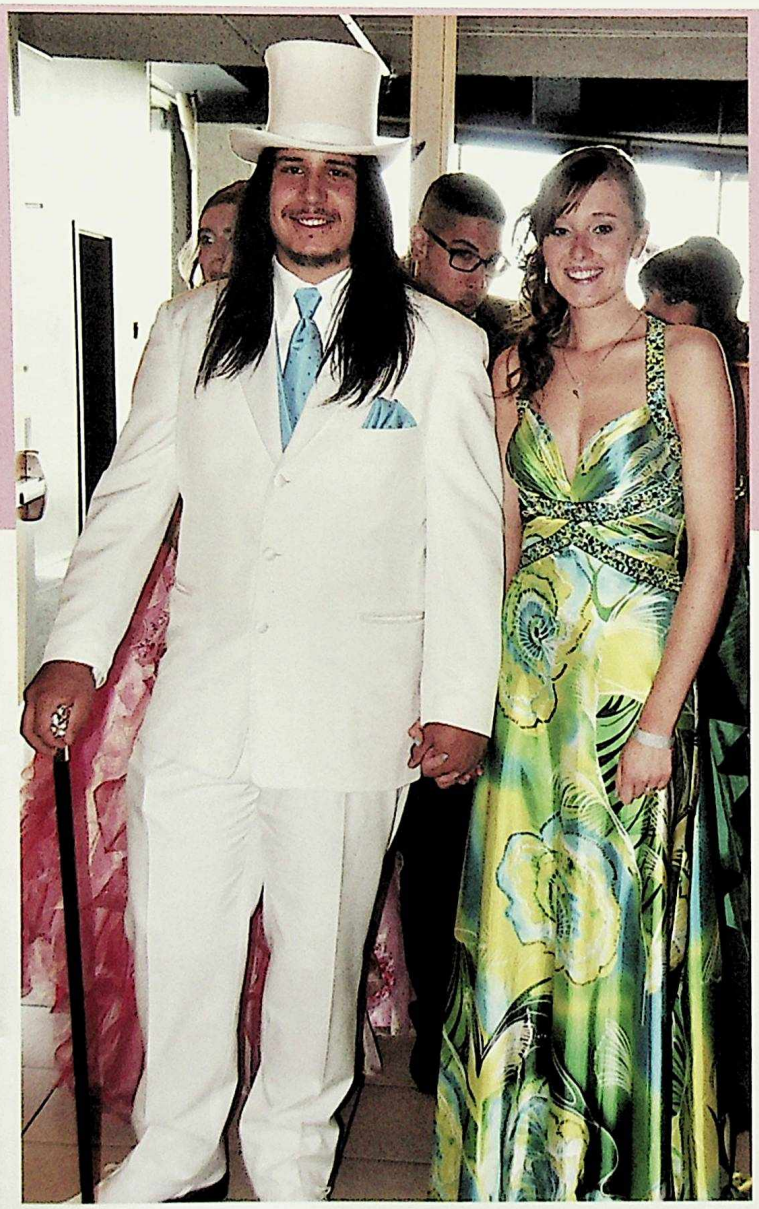
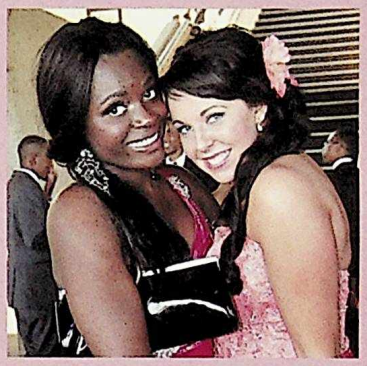
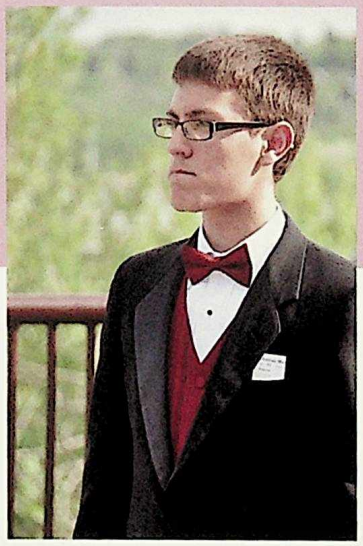

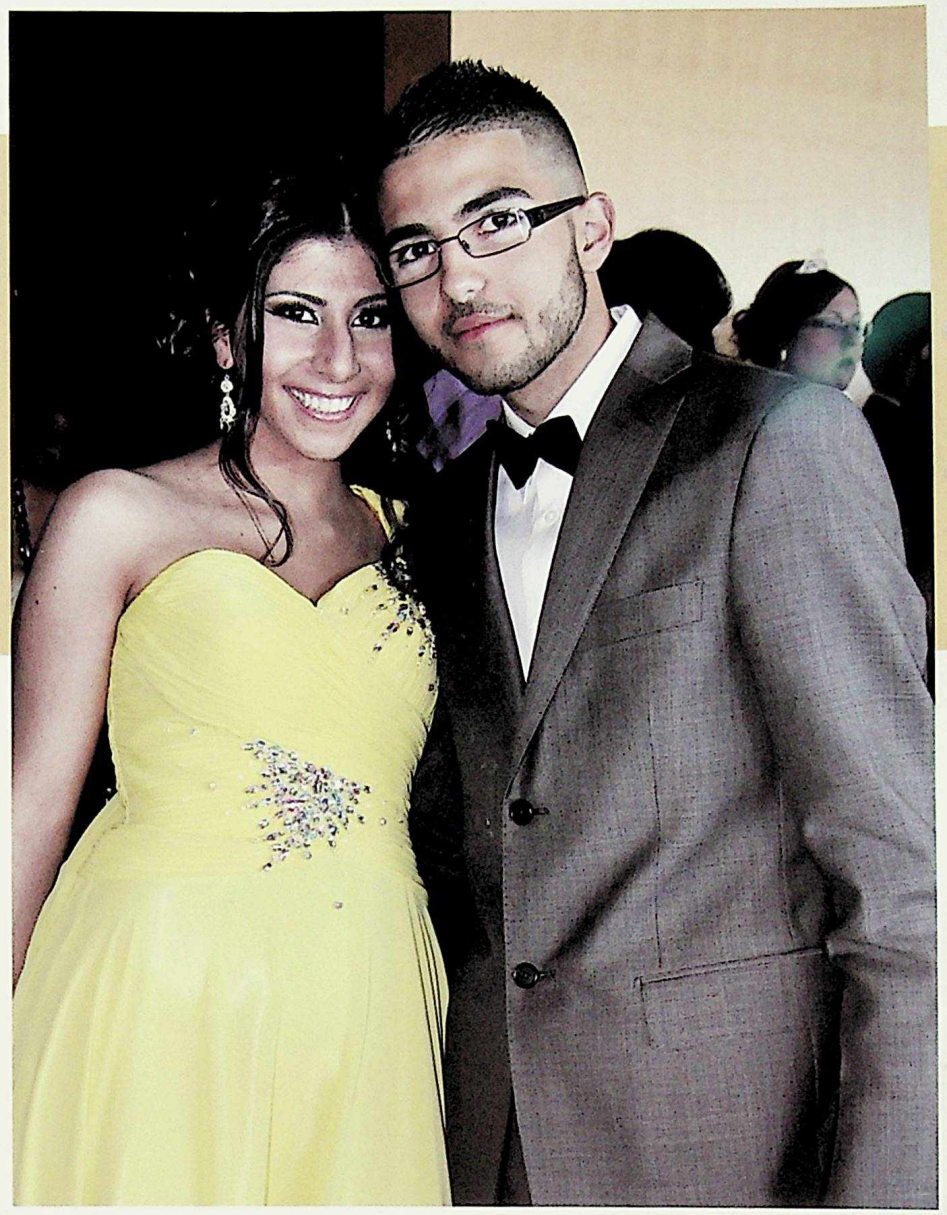

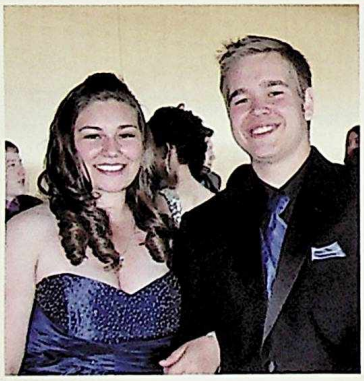

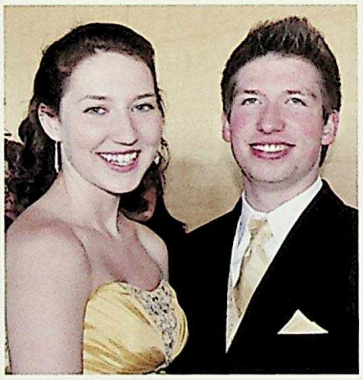

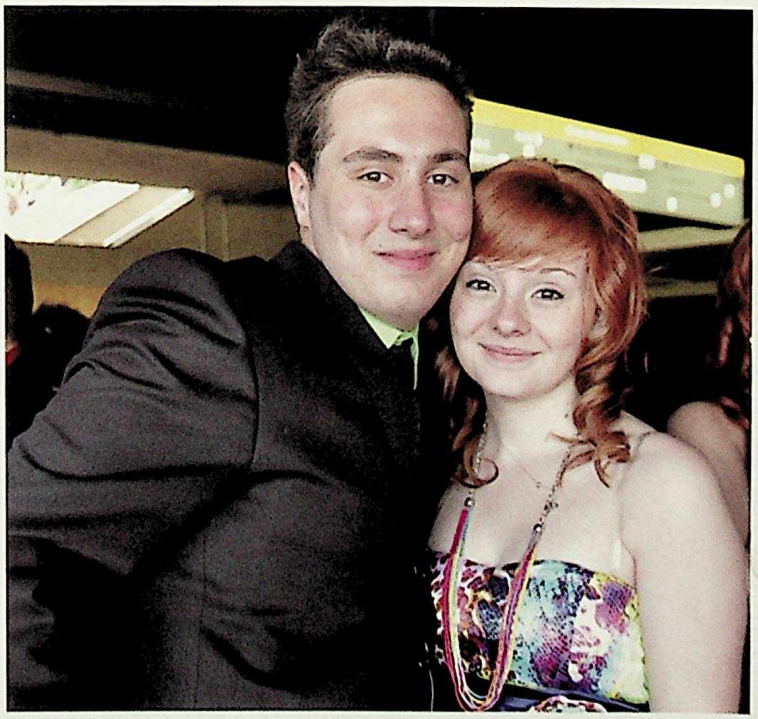

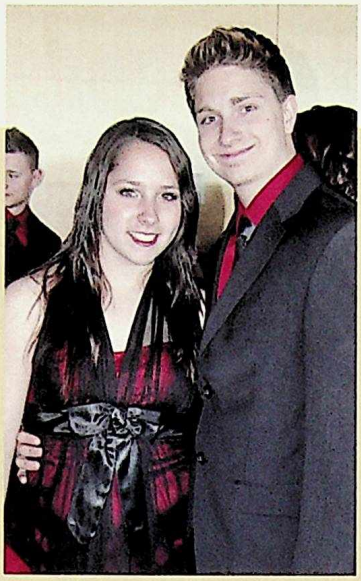
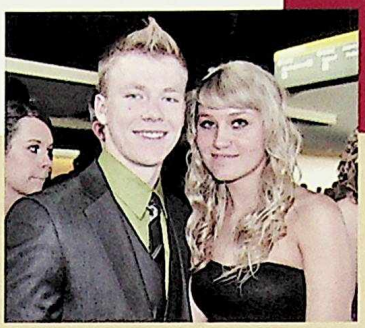
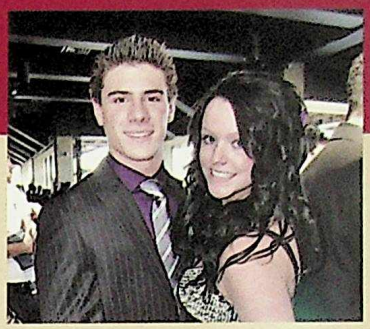
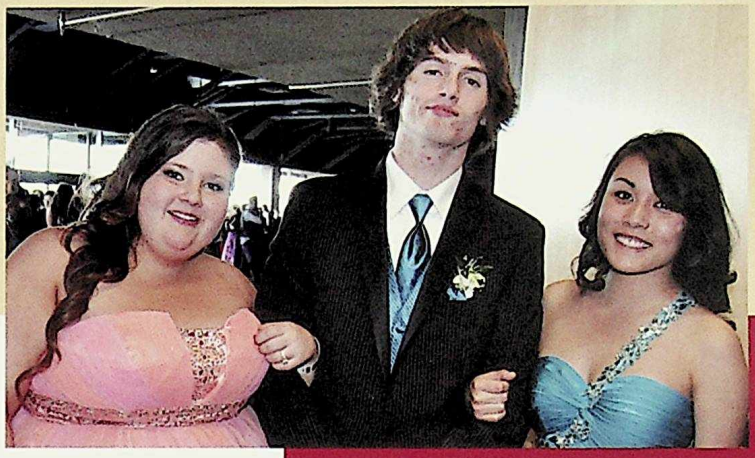

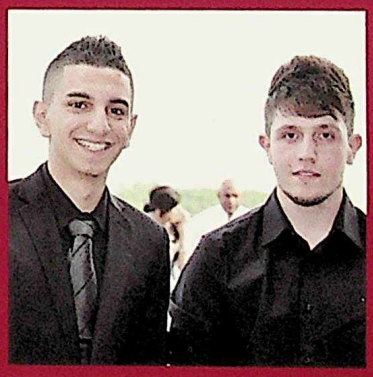

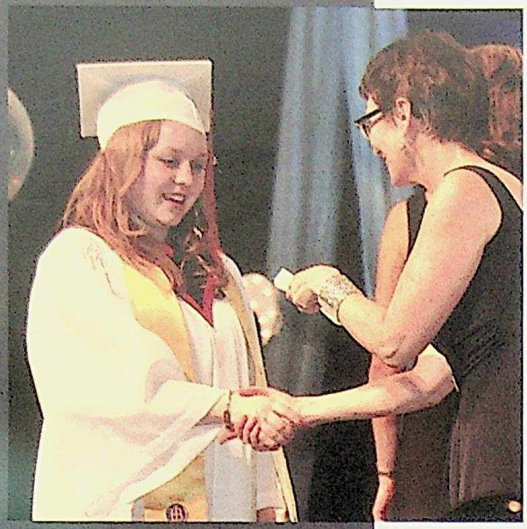

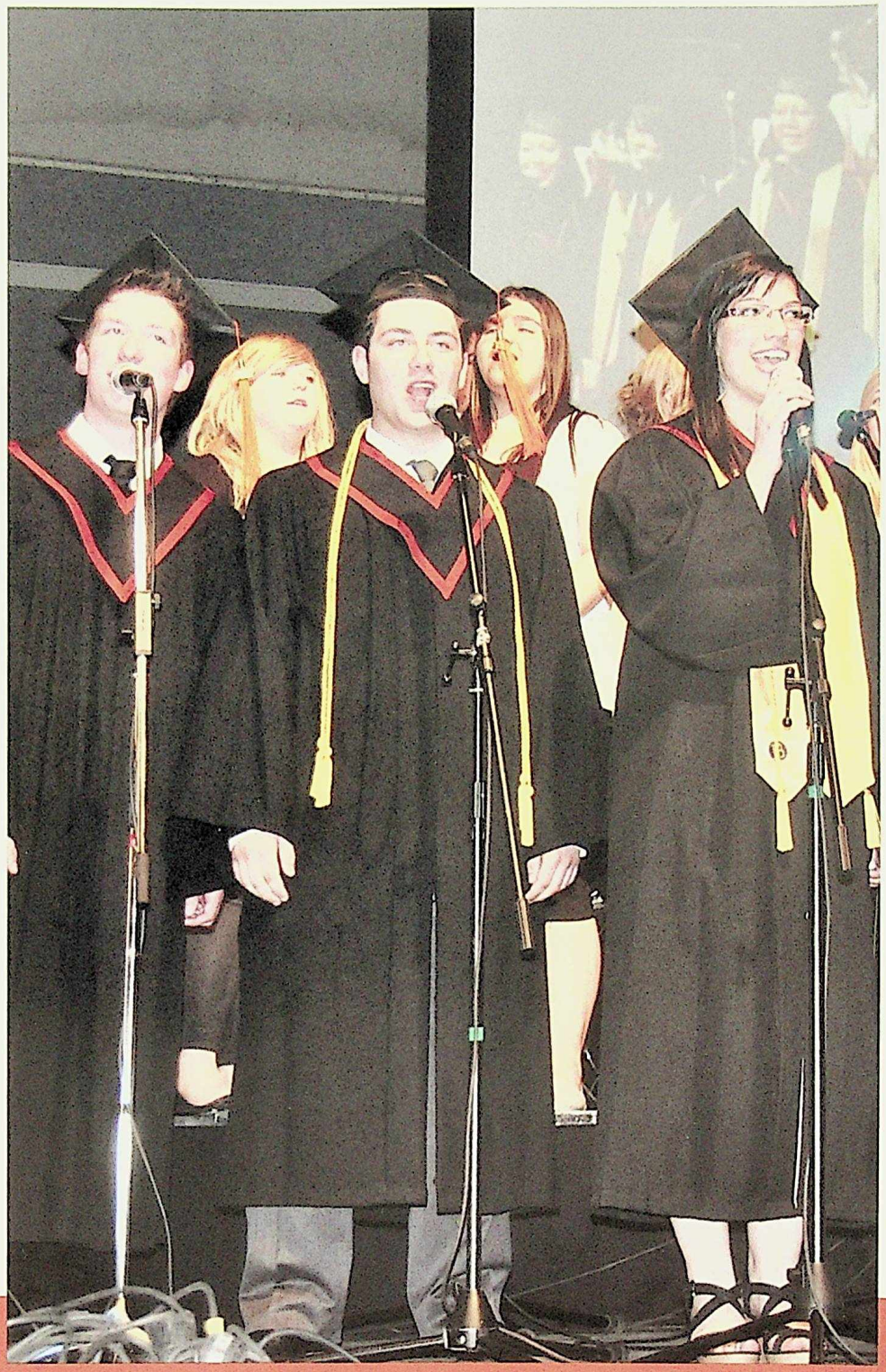

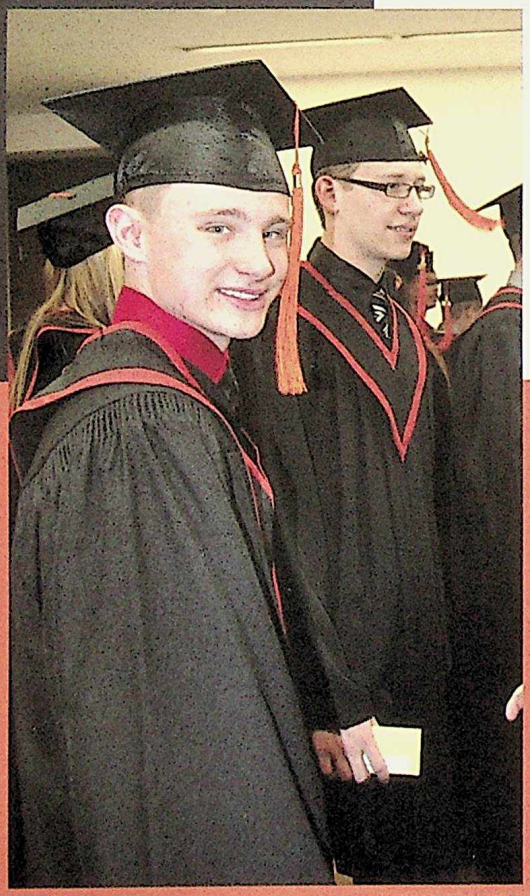

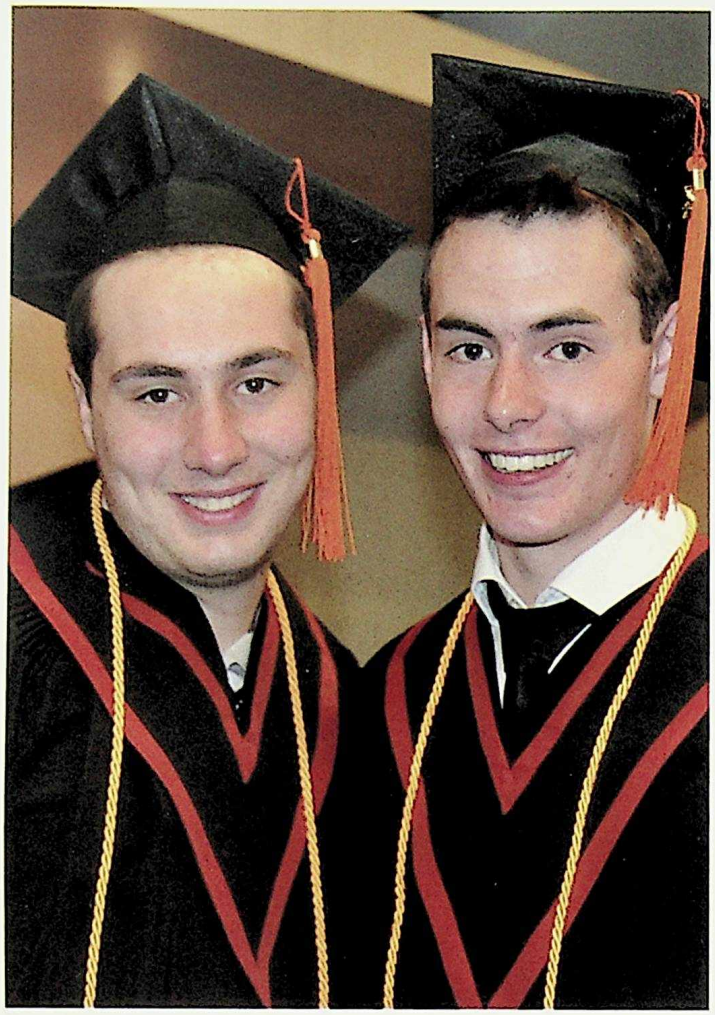

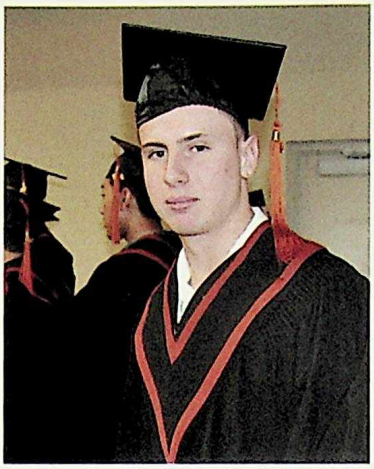

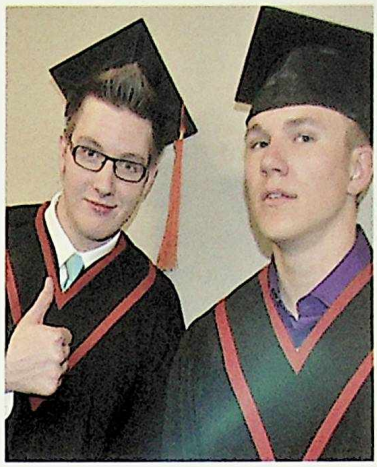

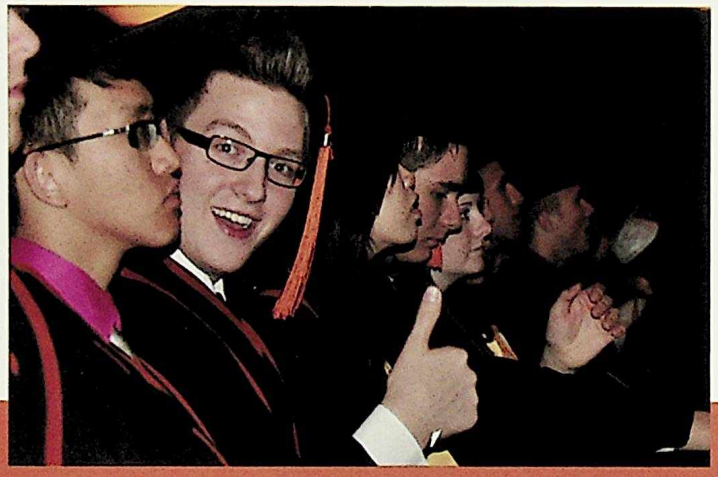

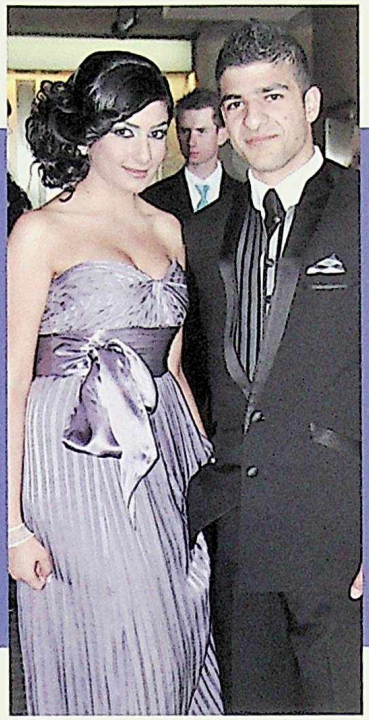

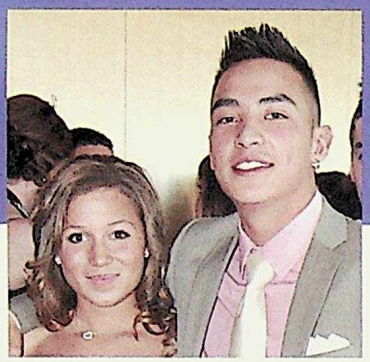

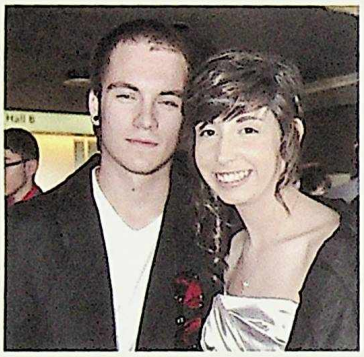

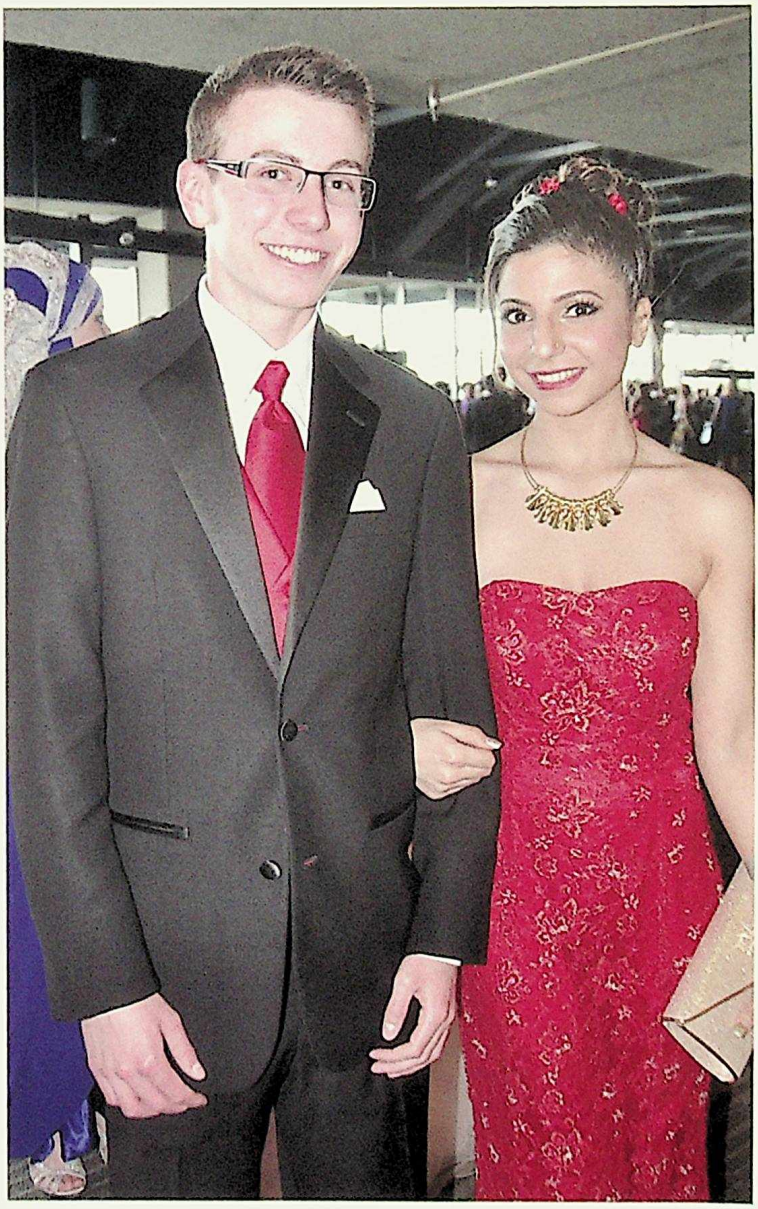

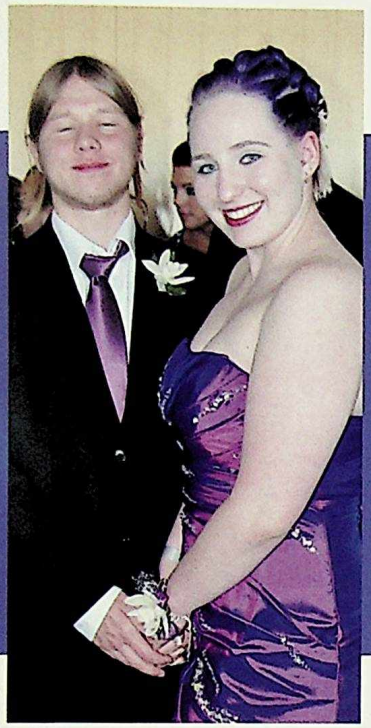

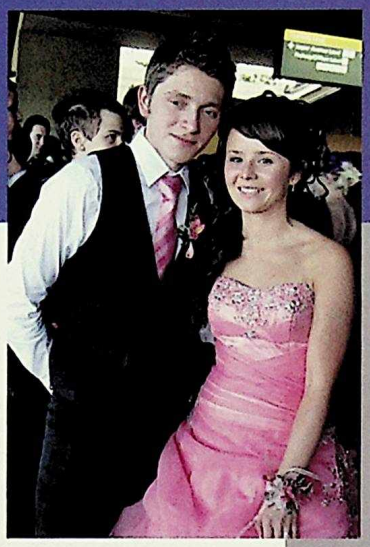

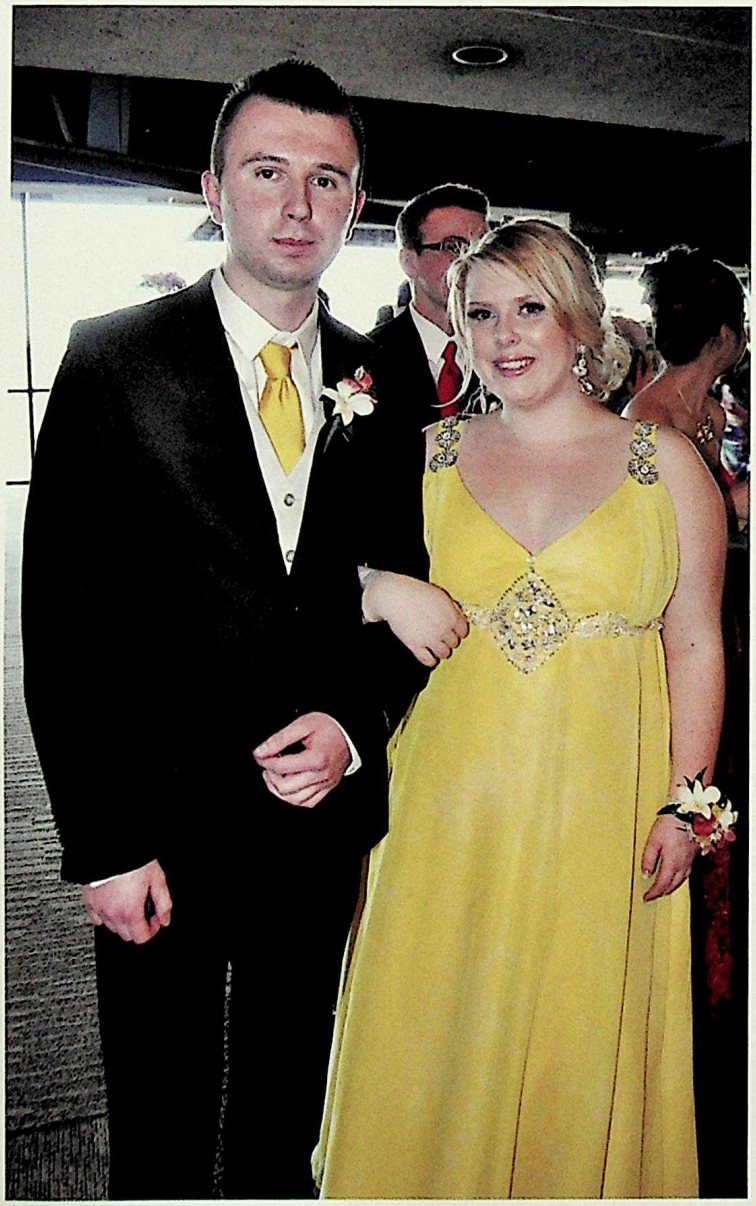

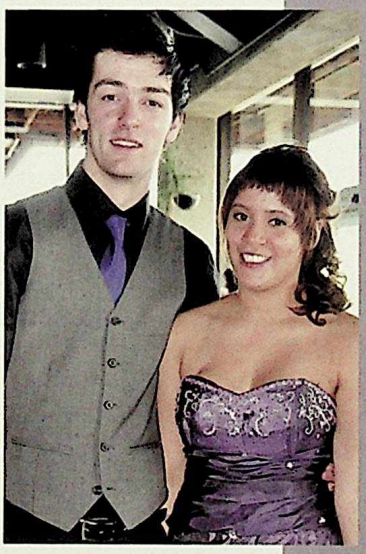

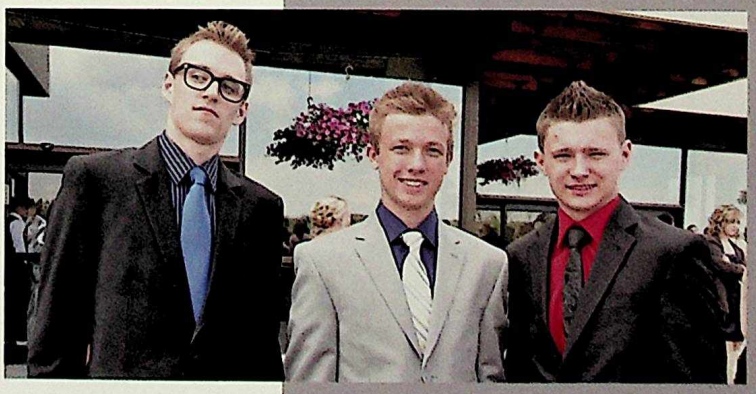

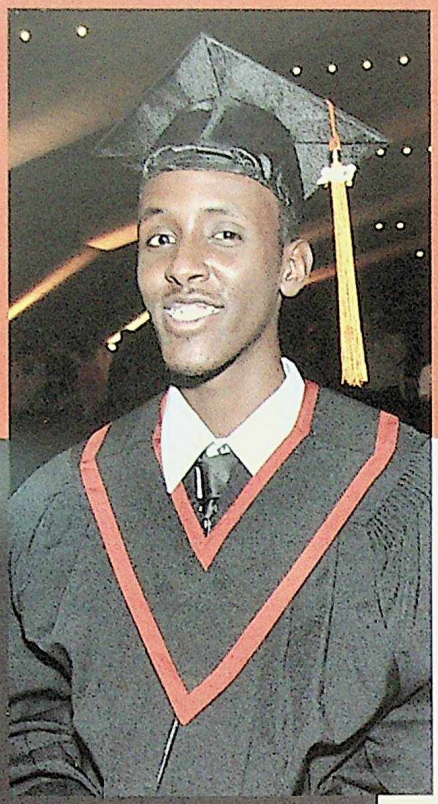

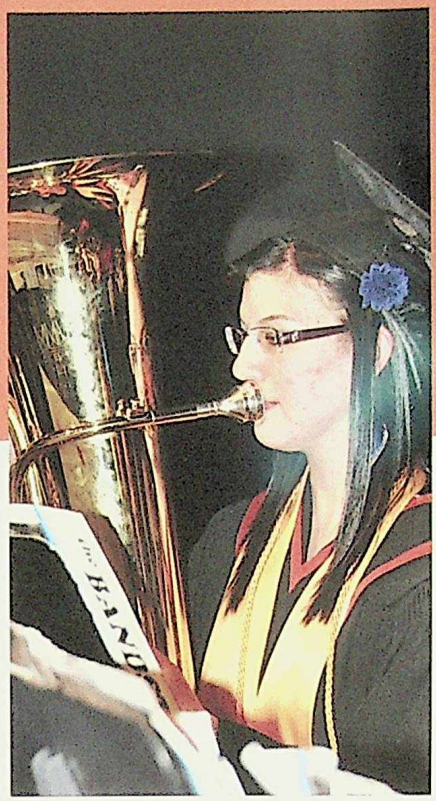

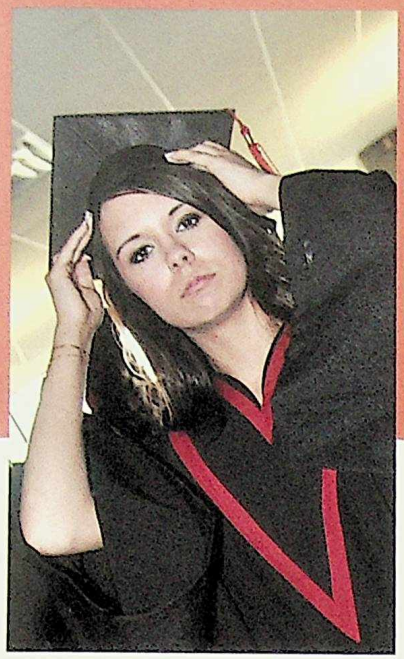

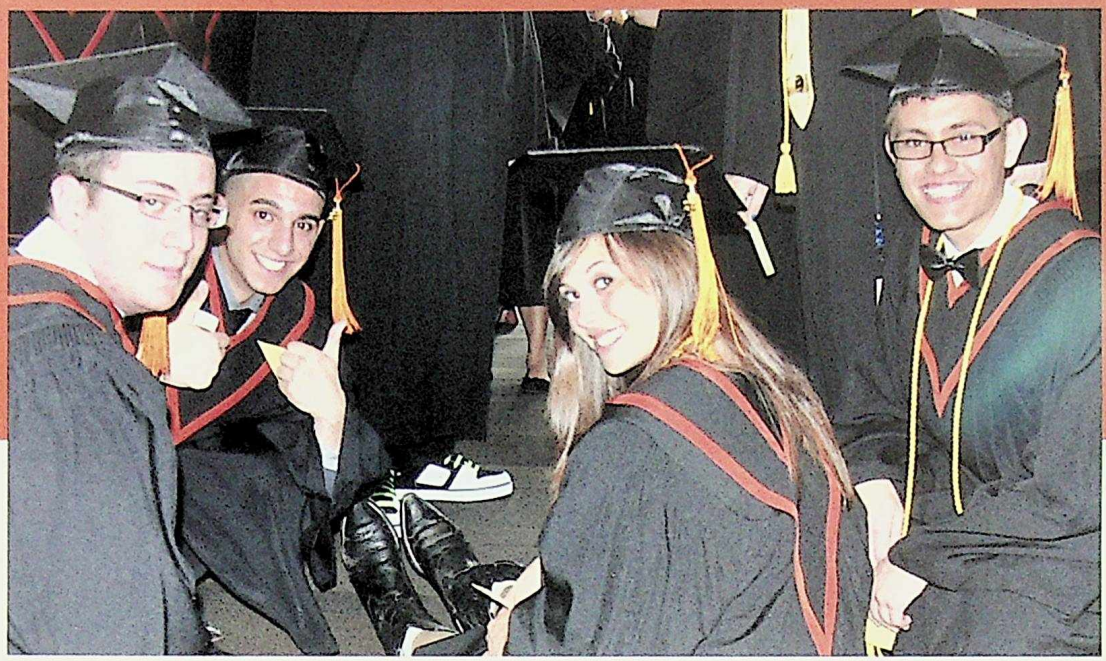

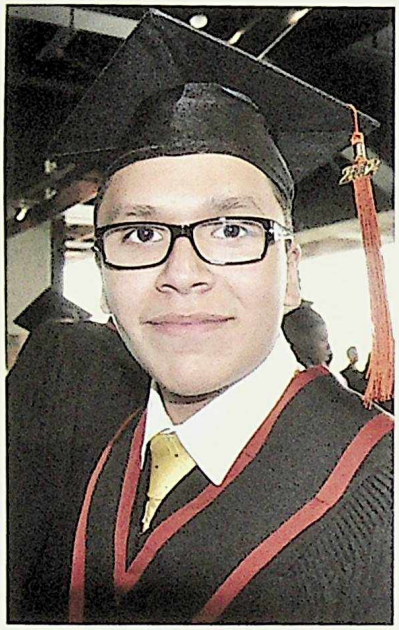

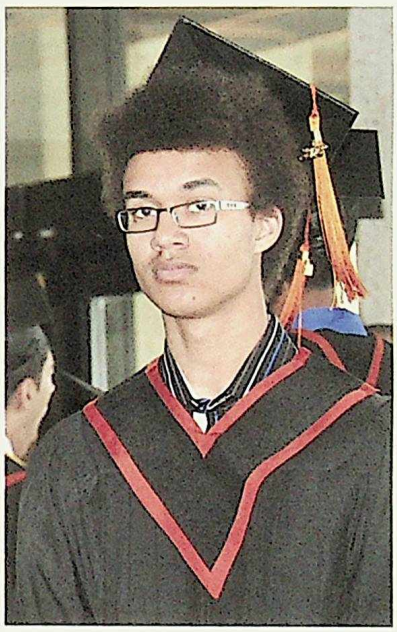

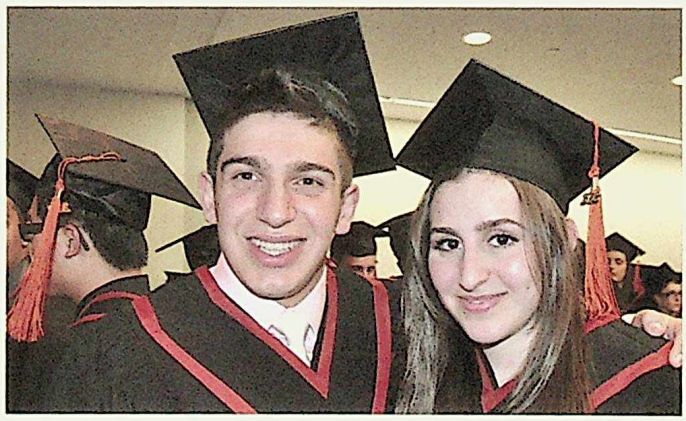

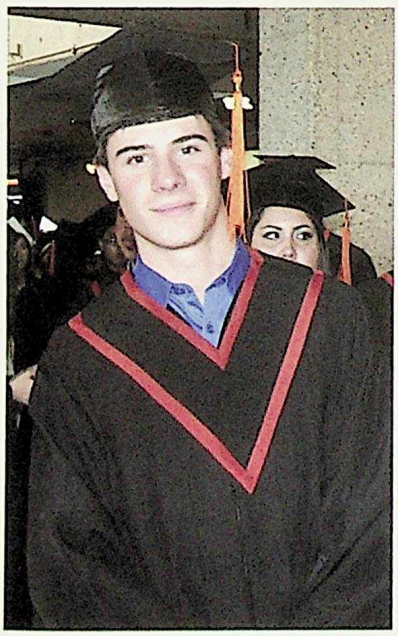

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2011-12 - WHAT A YEAR!!! It's hard to believe that another year has passed by. It's been such an incredible year with so many events that have highlighted the truly amazing students that we have at M.E.LaZerte. Of the many events, a highlight was the Alberta Student Leadership Conference. This conference organized by you, the students, with support from your teachers, was attended by 48 schools across Alberta, which included 485 student delegates and 90 teaching staff. This conference was instrumental in being awarded the 2012 Zero Waste Event Award by the Recycling Council of Alberta. The success of this event is a testament to the hardworking, achievement orientated, organized and tenacious group of leadership students at MEL. Along with this conference, those of you involved in student leadership organized many other events that not only contributed to a positive school culture, but gave back to the community. It's been your commitment that has educated our community sending the message that "We, students at MEL, ROCK!!!!!!"

As I reminisce about the graduating class, some of you really stand out in my mind and I would like to share some of my thoughts. Kamal Farhat is one of those unforgett able students. Kamal is intelligent, motivated and extremely charismatic. He lights up a room with his smile and great sense of humour. He was the Class Valedictorian and achieved the highest academic standing for his grade. Tanner Mack was the Student Union President. He fulfilled his role while achieving honors with distinction - how did you do that? It's an honor having Tanner represent MEL as a Michael Strembitsky Award nominee, which recognizes excellence in personal, social and academic endeavors, including willingness to seek meaningful change. During the summer Tanner travelled to Tanzania for 6 weeks volunteering his time. He worked with preschool children and students in kindergarten to grade 2 teaching English. Christine Lee is also another amazing student that has given so much back to the school and to the community. She worked tirelessly on school events through Students' Union, while volunteering her time at the Royal Alexander Hospital. Shamez Walji achieved an International Baccalaureate Diploma while playing on school sport teams and was integral in the planning of student leadership activities including the Alberta Student Leadership conference. Fatima Hawa, was not only an integral part of the conference and many other school events, could always be counted on to represent our school at provincial events including the Premier's Council. Fatima lights up a room with her incredible smile. Her personality, along with her intelligence and motivation will take her places. What I know about Fatima is that whatever she plans to do in her life will be of benefit to society. Her social conscience has not gone unnoticed. The talent of our students is remarkable. Kristyn Mahoney was recognized as athlete of the year throughout her three years at MEL, while maintaining an honours standing. Jennifer Wong and Matthew Warren's acting talent earned them both spots at the Seacoast Theatre Centre Actor Training Program in Vancouver. I have mentioned only a few of the many amazing students that have walked these hallways.

The memories you have had at MEL, whether it was for a short time or 3 years, has contributed to the person you are today. You have laughed and you have shared emotional moments with friends and family. When you think back to the 2011-12 school year, always remember that you were part of an amazing school

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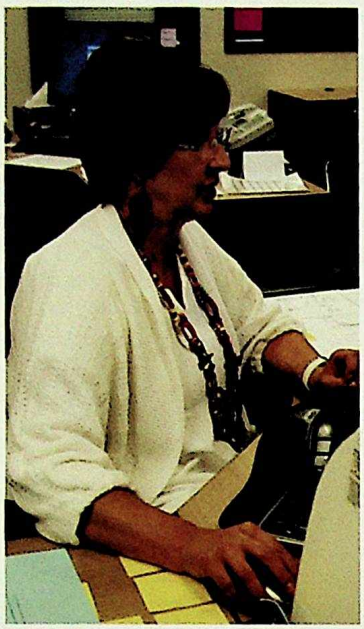

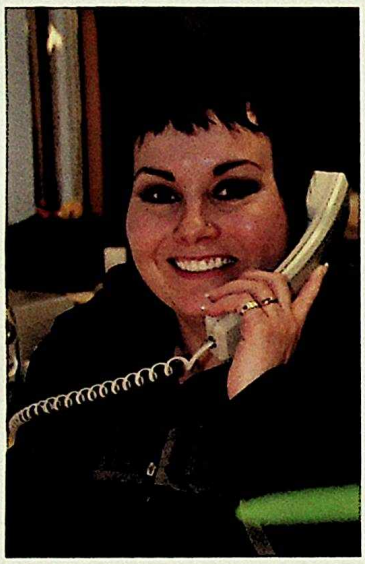

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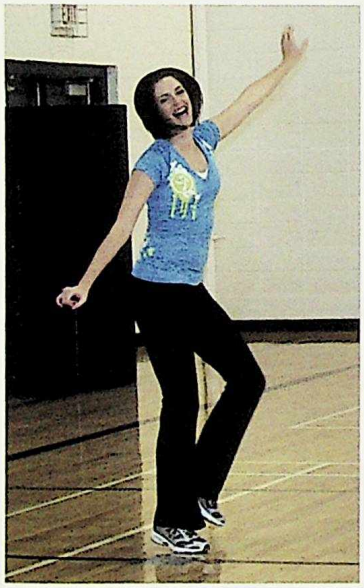

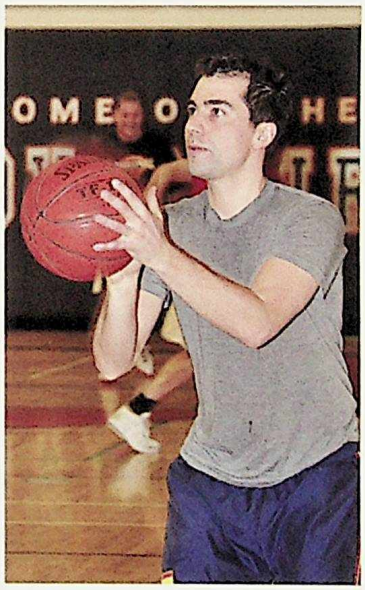
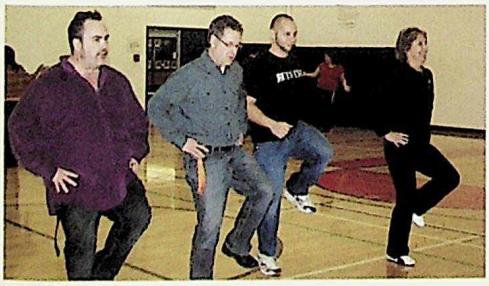
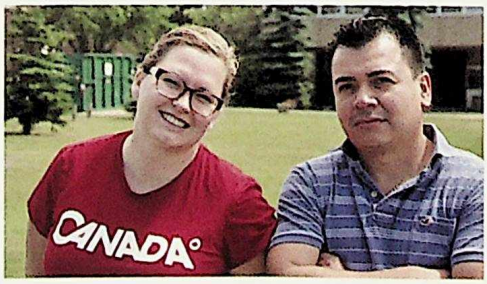
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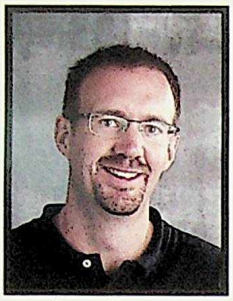
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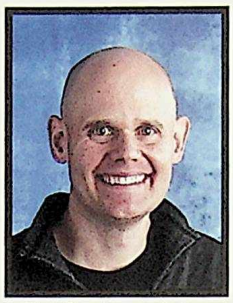
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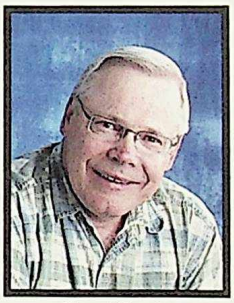
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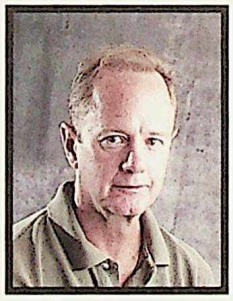
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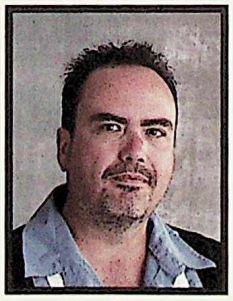
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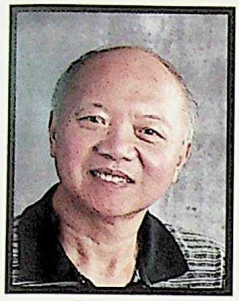
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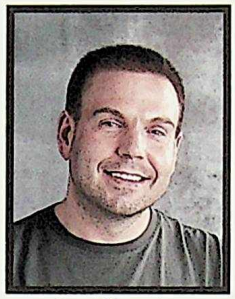
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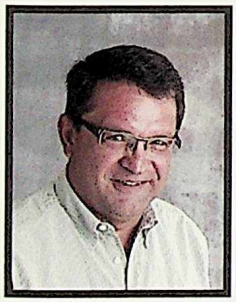
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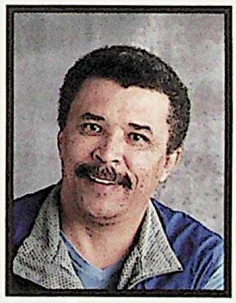
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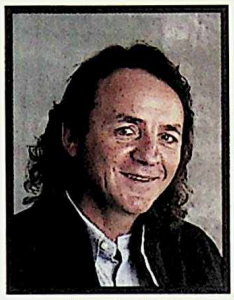
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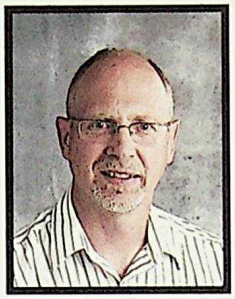
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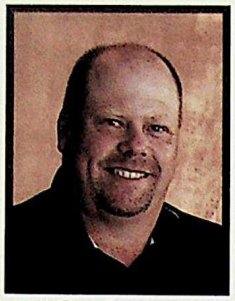
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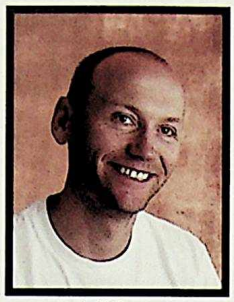
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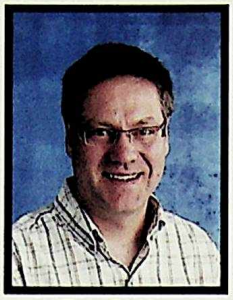
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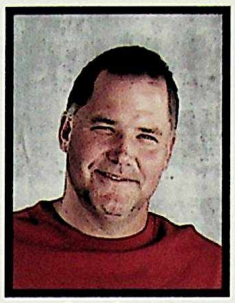
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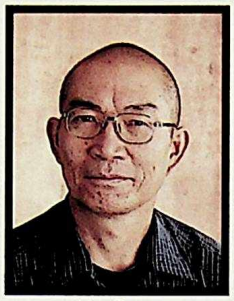
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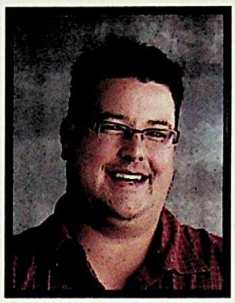
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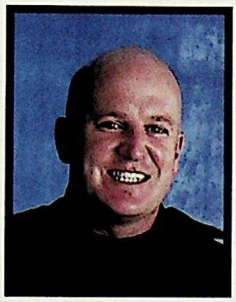
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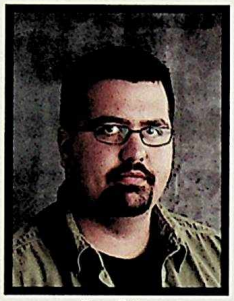
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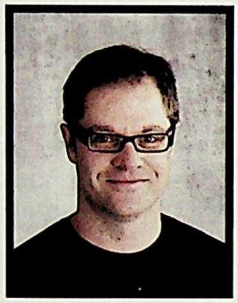
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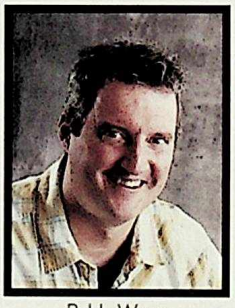
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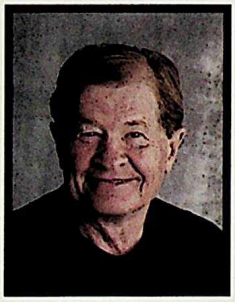
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"Fortune favors' the strong." M.E LaZerte's school motto has a different meaning for each student. To me, it means that if we work extremely hard at what we do in our lives, whether it is athletics or academics, we will achieve greatness. We all go through many ups and downs throughout our schooling, but despite these obstacles, we always find a way to maneuver over them and finish strong. I encourage all my fellow Voyageurs to think about our school motto and what it means to them.

Thomas A. Edison once said "the three essentials to achieving anything worth while are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itivness; third, common sense."

With this in mind, my fellow yearbook partners, worked extremely hard and diligently. They dedicated countless hours before and after school, as well as during lunch and spares to produce this valuable book, full of unforgettable memories.

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Keep in mind, no matter were you go in life Voyageurs, there is something always there to keep you sturdy and strong.

Enjoy the yearbook.

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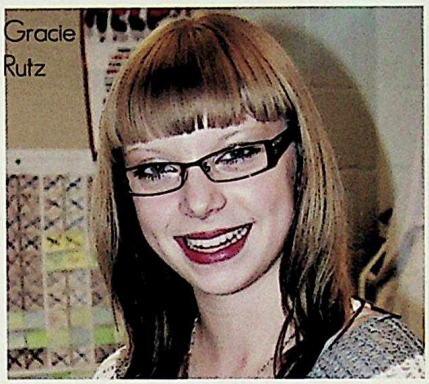
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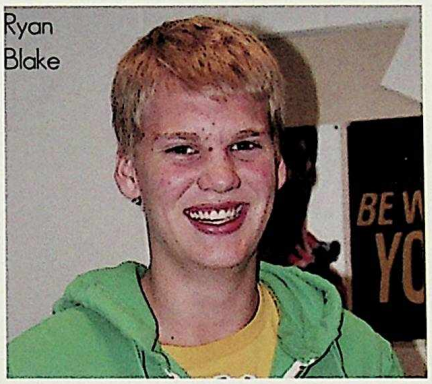
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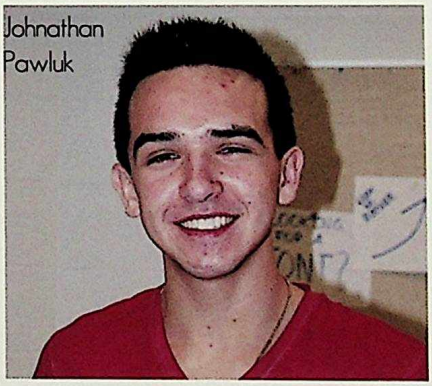
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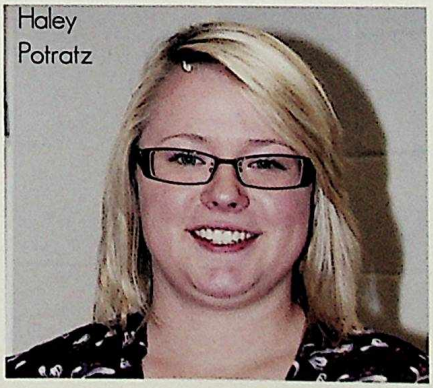
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